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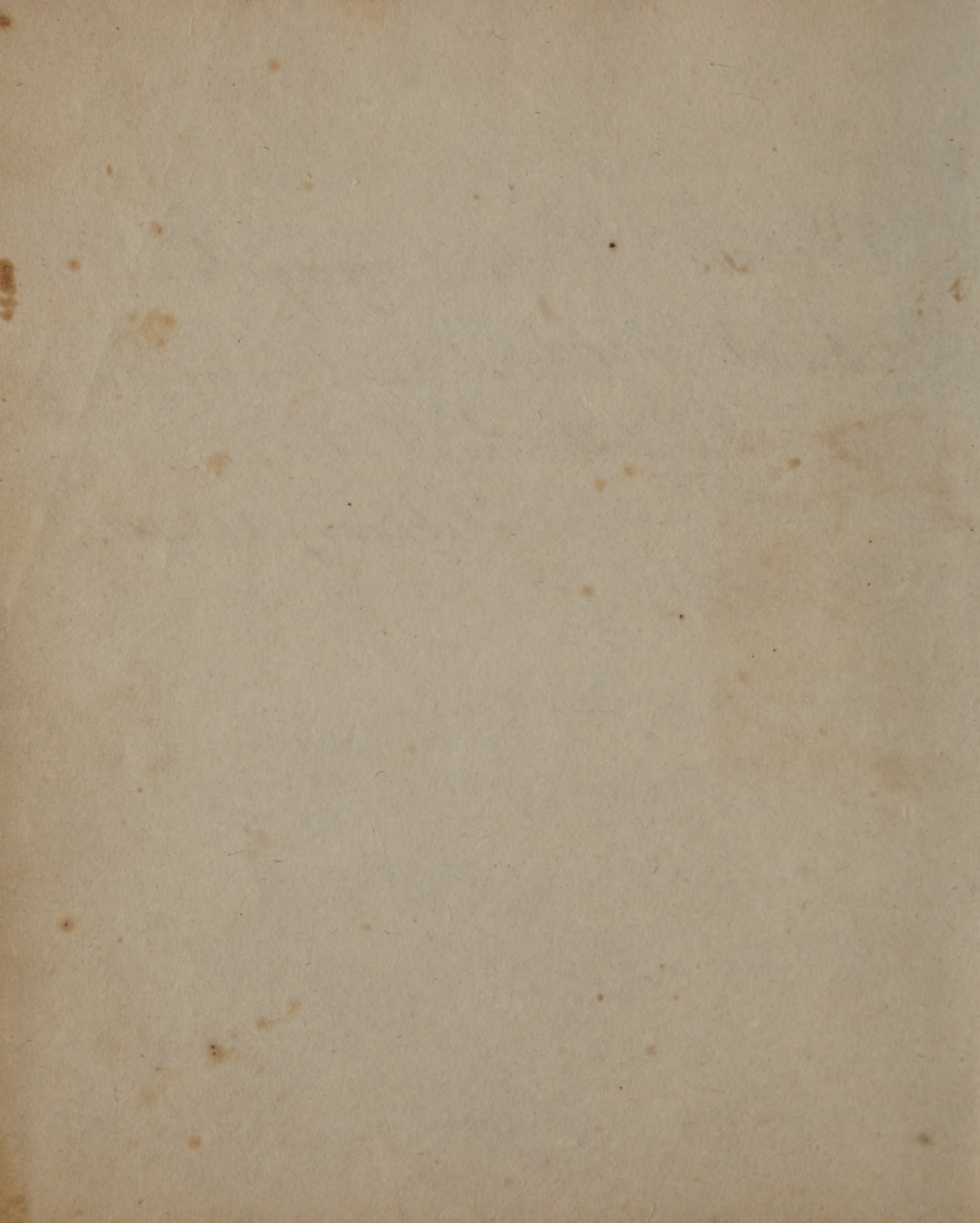
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The Articles of Faith for the Church
of Christ in Centre-harbour & Merideth
3rd Division.
Articles of Faith.

Art. 1st, We believe that, there is one God who exists in three distinct persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and that these are one God the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

2^d, We believe that the holy Scriptures of the old, and new Testament are a revelation from God, and are given as a rule for our faith and practice.

3^d, We believe that God created man in his own image perfectly holy; but that man being left to the freedom of his own will fell from the state in which he was created; voluntarily sinned against God and became wholly under the influence of a wicked and depraved heart.

4th We believe that Adam was constituted a federal head, and representative of his posterity, and that his children if they had remained in his primitive state would have been holy; but since he has sinned they partake of his impurity, and all their moral actions are wholly opposed to God until their hearts are renewed by the holy spirit.

5th We believe that Christ became a Mediator between God and man, according to the covenant of grace, which was devised by the God-head from eternity, that he vindicated the rights of Jehovah, made an atonement^{nt} for sin, brought in an everlasting righteousness and rendered it consistent for God to save penitent believers.

6th We believe that Christ has made ample atonement for the sins of the whole world, so that salvation may be freely offered unto all; nevertheless the scriptures do not warrant us to believe that all will be saved; but we are fully assured that some will, thro' unbelief and rejection of the gospel, be finally lost, and suffer eternal wrath.

7th We believe that all those who were given to Christ by the Father in the covenant of grace shall eventually be sanctified by the spirit, and kept thro' faith unto eternal salvation.

8th We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Mediator, and saviour, and the Holy Ghost, the only Sanctifier of sinners.

9th We believe that regeneration, faith and repentance stand among the cardinal doctrines of the gospel, and unless we become the subjects of these we cannot be saved.

10th We believe that regeneration is not effected by the creature, but solely by the agency of the Holy Ghost.

11th We believe that faith is not a bare assent of the understanding to the great truths of the gospel, but a cordial embracing of them in love, and an implicit trust in Christ for salvation.

12th We believe that repentance does not consist merely in sorrowing for any past sin of our lives,

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but in loathing and abhorring it,
and a firm determination to for-
sake all sin, because it is in itself
hateful, independent of its conse-
quences.

13th. We believe that it is an indispen-
sible duty for the disciples of Christ
to embody themselves into a church-
state, to separate from the world and
to be under the rules and directions
of Christ as revealed in his word.

14th. We believe that those, and those
only, are proper subjects for the Church
who give evidence of the work of re-
newing grace on their hearts.

15th. We believe that one great
privilege of entering into covenant

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with Christ's people is mutual
watch and discipline, and there-
fore, consider it a duty to reprove,
and receive reproof for all errors
in doctrine, and irregularity
in life.

16th. We believe that Baptism and
the Lord's Supper are standing or-
dinances of the Church to be obser-
ved in the Church and these only.

17th. We believe it is the duty of all,
who have a well grounded hope, that
they have passed from spiritual
death to spiritual life to receive
the ordinance of Baptism (if they
have not received it,) and also, to
offer their children and all under

their immediate care and instruction in the same ordinance, that they may be marked as dedicated to God. According to the covenant, he has made with them; and we believe also that none who are not herein mentioned have any right to this ordinance.

18th. We believe that none, but those who give evidence of a new heart can rightfully come to the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

19th. We believe that the Sabbath is of divine appointment to be kept holy, and all unnecessary labour to be suspended, and that this, under the christian dispensation, is on the first day of the week.

20th. We believe that it is appointed unto all men once to die, and that at death the righteous are received immediately into glory, and that the wicked are sent down ^{to} hell.

21st. We believe in the judgement which is to take place at the end of the world, at which time there will be a general resurrection of the ^{bodies} of the righteous and the wicked to be united with their souls to stand before the judgement seat of Christ, and receive, their irrevocable sentence, To the wicked, the son of man will ~~then~~ say, Depart ye cursed into everlasting fire prepared for the Devil and his angels,

but to the righteous he will say,
Come ye blessed of my Father in-
herit the kingdom prepared for you
from the foundation of the world.

Covenant. —————

You ~~do~~ do solemnly promise in the presence of God, angels, and men, that you will by the assistance of the Holy spirit, take the great Jehovah to be your God; God the Son to be your only Saviour, and God the Holy spirit to be your sanctifier, and only efficient cause of all your gracious exercises. You promise to take the holy scriptures to be the only rule of faith and practice. — You promise to attend to the ordinances of the gospel, Baptism, and the Lord's supper, as they are expressed in the above articles of your faith. You promise to discountenance all kinds of immorality, profaness,

vain amusements, Sabbath breaking, &c; by your precept and example, and to cherish and support every thing which tends to edification and peace, and to the building up the redeemer's kingdom. You promise to attend when opportunity shall present, with this Church for worship.

You promise to watch over the several members of this body; to warn, reprove and rebuke with all long-suffering and patience, where offences shall come, that there may be no schism in the body of Christ, which is the Church; and you promise by divine assistance to submit to the discipline of Christ in this Church. All this you promise to do? —

Names

* Ephraim Doton	* Hannah Morse
* David Robinson	* Elisabeth Robinson
* Moses Morse	* Mary Ladd.
* Jeremiah Towle	* Abigail Norris ^{died} 1829
* Joshua Norris	* Dorothy Sturtevant
* Stephen Norris	* Sarah Norris
* Maria Logg	* Susannah Doton,
* John Adams	* Edna Morse
* John Barker	* Sarah Gilman
* Reuben D. Smith	* Sally Jenter
* Rev David Smith	* Hannah Adams
+ David N. Smith	* Susanna Doton
+ John Osgood	+ Susannah Osgood
+ Rev Amos Porter	* Mrs Sarah Logg
* Stephen Litch	+ Hezekiah N. Smith
* Daniel D. Bennett	* Catharine Smith
	* Sally Towle
	* Oliver Moulton

* Those who have this star prefixed to their names are dead! —
 + Those who have reversed letters of dismission

Names

15.

Jonathan Karar.
 + Richard Furber.
 Jonathan Bram.
 Seth Bartlett.
 Joseph C. Bartlett.
 Josiah Norris.
 John Bachelder.
 + Josiah Leavitt.
 John Fernald.
 Joseph S. Neal.
 + Benjamin Johnson.
 Cornill Collins.
 Dudley Leavitt Jr.
 Oliver Badger.
 Joseph E. Robinson.
 Dudley Henry.
 Gaber. W. Henry.
 Samuel Bean.
 Ward C. Tindeman.
 John W. Towle.
 George S. Towle.
 Lemmah Prescott

Letitia Penter
 Polley Wiggins
 Lavina Penter
 + Lucinda Orsod
 Polley Penter
 Susan Samson
 Catherine Badger
 Louis Morse
 + Sally Muliken
 + Abigail Townsley
 + Betsy Jenney
 + Jane B. Levell
 Elizabeth Gilman
 Mrs Julia Linton
 + Sarah J. Gilman
 + Matilda Dockham
 Mary Porter
 Abigail Bartlett
 Sarah Smith.
 Patience Leavitt.
 Hannah Fernald.
 Mabletable Perry.
 Mrs Prescott

Daniel Norris *Norris.*

Samuel Gilman &

John Norris

George B. Swasey

+ Augustus Robinson

Isaac Leavitt

Isaac A. Sanborn

Joseph Sullivan Tilton

Samuel Gilman

+ Samuel Brown

Mary Ann Wheeler

Louisa Fowle

Susan Catharine Sanborn

Martha Brown

* Eliza Bachelier

* Hannah Bachelier

Susan Tilton

Isabel Lane

Alie Emery

Polly Tenney

+ Polly Moulton

Dorothy Foss

Martha Berry

Lydin Brown

Kenny

Polly Leavitt

Luz Norris

Mary Bean

Ester Prescott

Levina Smith

Alice Tilton.

Catharine Neal.

Sarah Hartshorn.

Olivera Bram.

* Hannah Prescott.

Sally F. Kenney.

Kenny Berry.

Gene B. Swasey.

Sarah Tilton.

Sally Bean.

Margaret Green.

Mary Richardson.

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Henrietta Burdett

Lettie B. Fowle

Mary Jane Fowle

Mary B. Swasey

Katharine Follen

Mary Norris

* Mary Follen

Clarissa Canlis

+ Mary Wheeler

+ Elizabeth Robinson

Judith Leavitt

Betty Norris

At a meeting of a Counsel of Ministers convened at Mr. Moses Morse's, in Centre-Harbor by Letters missive from Mr. Edward Warren, Missionary, in behalf of an intended Church, to be organized; and consecrated the same as a Congregational Church. - Present Rev. Mr. Shaw, Hidden Hebard, Turner, Field, and Mr. Warren, on 20th, February, 1815. Chose Rev. Mr. Shaw Moderator, and Rev. Mr. Hidden Scribe. After deliberating for some time on the subject unanimously agreed to proceed to business, and repaired to the house of worship. The meeting being opened by a short prayer by the Rev. Mr. Field the articles of faith, and the Covenant were read by Mr. Warren, and the members, after showing their

regular standing by their Pastors and
 Letters, ^{& their} regular dismissal from the
 Churches to which they belonged, individ-
 ually, gave their assent to the Articles
 and Covenant, and requested the Scribe
 to add their names thereto. The Church
 then chose Mr. Moses Morse to be their
 Deacon. - The introductory prayer
 was made by the Rev. Mr. Hebard, Rev.
 Mr. Shaw preached, Rev. Mr. Turner
 made the concluding prayer, Rev. Mr.
 Hidden addressed the Church, and
 the blessing was pronounced by the
 Rev. Mr. Turner.

Perfect harmony prevailed thro'
 the proceedings of the day.
 This Church is received into the fel-
 lowship of the Congregational

Churches and pertain to Centre Harbor and Meredith third Division.

Centre Harbor, February 20th, 1815.

Jeremiah Shaw	Moderator,
Attest Samuel Hidden	Scribe,

At a meeting of the Church of Christ in Centre Harbor & Meredith third Division convened at the house of Moses Center 23 Sept. 1816

Chose Rev. Jeremiah Shaw Moderator who opened the meeting by addressing the Throne of Grace.

Chose Rev. Samuel Hidden Clerk of the present meeting.

Voted to accept of seven articles proposed to the Church by Rev Caleb Wright & adopted them as Rules of the Church

Rules

1st Resolved that a Clerk be chosen who shall keep a faithful record of all the acts of the Church—additions—dismissions—Baptisms &c. & that there shall be a Church Conference

20 attended on the second Wednesday of September Annually, at which, after opening by prayer, the Confession, Covenant & rules of the Church shall be read that the minds of all may be refreshed.

2nd Resolved that a Committee of three be chosen annually whose duty it shall be, while we have no Pastor, to receive application & examine any who wish to become members of this Church; & to propound such as apply, if they evince that they apply understandingly in faith; & that in ordinary cases such shall be propounded at least two weeks before the time of admission; & previous to admission it will be expected that they give ^{the Church} a reason of the hope that is in them either verbally or ⁱⁿ writing.

3^d Resolved that when any apply for admission the Articles of faith, Covenant, & particular rules of the Church shall be exhibited for their consideration; & when any are received they shall subscribe, or cause their names to be added to the list of mem-

bers as an evidence that they cordially adopt the articles of faith, Covenant, & rules as their own. This rule is to be applied to those who bring letters from Sister Churches as well as those who wish to join on profession of their faith; & such letters shall be read to the Church at least two weeks before a vote is taken, & when any are received it shall be by vote of the Church.

4th Conscious that baptized Children stand in some relation to the Church - that it is not only the duty of Parents to bring them up in the nurture & admonition of the Lord, but that it is also the duty of the Church to watch over, instruct & admonish them, . . .

Resolved To have a Church Conference quarterly, of which the annual conference may be one, when the members shall attend with all their children under their care if possible, that they may unitedly pray with & instruct them & that adult persons who have been given up in baptism be invited to attend such conferences.

5th Taking the direction of the great Head of the Church for the rule of our conduct. Resolved that we will

22 carefully avoid all intimacy with excommunicated persons, but will pray for their repentance.

6th Dunning family Religion of vast importance Resolved that every head of a family in the Church be required to worship God in a social manner ^{in his house} morning & evening.

7th Resolved that we will meet & worship God steadily in a public manner on the Sabbath even when we have no preaching.

Voted that Deacon Moses Morse be Clerk of the Church.

Voted that Deacon Moses Morse, Brother David Robinson & Brother Ephraim Doten be the Committee of the Church

Voted that the annual & quarterly conferences be notified by the Clerk on the Sabbath preceding each meeting.

1827 March 17 At a church meeting held at Brother Daniel Robinson's voted and adopted the following additional article.
Resolved that we regard the private worship of God as of vital importance and all habitual neglect of this duty as a just occasion of censuring.
John Lamborn Clerk

Openable to the resolutions, viz, &c
At the first quarterly meeting of the
Church of Christ in Centre Harbour and
Mendith third division, convened at the
house of Mr Moses Senter on the 2nd Wednes-
day of Dec. 1816.

Opened by prayer & a discourse upon the
Parable of the Householder recorded in the
16th first verses of the 20th Chapter of Matthew
by Rev. J. S. Shaw of Houlton branch, who
read their confession of faith, Church Coven-
& articles adopted by the Church as members
of the Church - after which he delivered a
short address to Parents & Children and
closed by prayer -

Dec 10 1817 - & being the annual church
ratio Moses Maise, Mr. David Robinson (of
Joshua Maise's a committee of 4 have
been one year -

Dec 10 1817 it being our quarterly conference
at Moses Senter's in Mendith opening by prayer
and a discourse from Luke 9 Chapter 62 verse 6 by
Rev. J. S. Shaw

24 Wednes day Nov 18. 1818

this day the Church met at the School house
in Meridiths Division to settle a difficulty
between two of the Brethren viz Joshua
Harris and Josiah Fogg adjourned to the
second day of december next

Decr 2. 1818 met according to adjournment and
adjourned the said meeting to some time
between this and the first Monday in
march next

Moses Morse Clerk
past pased said meeting by an agreement
of the parties to the first Monday of
April 1819 then met and settled the
difficulty between the two Brethren

Moses Morse Clerk

June th 9. 1819 Being an Quarterly Church Conference
past pased to th 16 then met at the School house
in Meridith

Sept 2. 1819 the Church met at Cont.
harbour meeting house and voted not to take
any notice of Complaints brought against
the members by people out of the Church

Moses Morse Clerk

Wednesday September 8. 1819 ^{meeting} 25
at the Annual Yearley Conference
the Rev. David Smith moderator
rated Moses Morse Clerk Mr David
Robinson Jr John Sanborn Moses May
as a Church Committee for the year
in sewing -

January 13 1819

At a meeting of the Church regular
called and holden at the house of David
Robinson

Voted that the Rev Isaac Jones Preside
on this meeting as Moderator

Opened this meeting with prayer by
the Rev Moderator and proceeded to business
Voted unanimously that this Church
give the Rev David Smith of Temple in
the district of Maine a call to become
their Pastor and teacher

Voted that an invitation be extended
to the sister Churches of Mount Auburn
Farmworth Sandhewton London & Camp
to assist in installing the Rev David
Smith as pastor and teacher of this Church

26 Voted that John Samlson Deacon
Moses Morse and Capt Joshua Norris
be a committee to write letters Missive
to said Churches

Voted that Deacon Moses Morse
be a committee to present this seal to
the Rev David Smith

Voted that an invitation be ex-
tended to the Church in Sandwich to as-
sist in installing the Rev Mr Smith
providing they have a Missiway at
the time of installation if not to send
a delegate

Voted this Meeting ~~stand adjourned~~ be dissolved
Moses Morse Chh Clerk

A true Copy attest

1824

John Samlson
Chh Clerk

Center Harbor March 23^d 1849

An Ecclesiastical Council convened by
letter missive from the Church of Christ in
Center Harbor and Mendith Division met
at the house of Capt Joshua Norris

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Present from the Church of Moultonboro
Pastor and Delegate

The Chh of Ex in Tamworth Pastor & Delegate
The Chh of Ex in Canterbury Pastor & Delegate
The Chh of Ex in Lumberton Pastor & Delegate
The Chh of Ex in Lowell the Pastor —

Chose Rev Jeremiah Shaw Moderator
Rev William Palmer Secy

The Council was opened with prayer
by the moderator. The Rev David Smith
the Pastor elect having produced cer-
tificates of his regular standing and dis-
mission from the Church of Temple district
of Maine the Council proceeded to ex-
amine the candidate in regard to his
experiential Doctrinal and practical
qualifications

Voted unanimously that the Council
are satisfied with the Pastor elect and
that they proceed to installation

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Voted that the Public exercises begin tomorrow at ten o'clock A.M.

Voted that the Rev Enock Causser make the introductory prayer

The Rev Samuel Sheldon preach the Sermon

The Rev William Patrick make the concluding prayer

The Rev J^{rs} Shaw give the charge

The Rev Abraham Bodwell give the right hand of fellowship

The Rev Mr Sheldon make the concluding prayer

Voted to adjourn until to morrow morning at 6 o'clock

Wednesday March 24 met according to adjournment

Voted that this instrument be accepted and read in public at the commencement of public exercises

J^{rs} Shaw Mod^r of the Council

William Patrick Sec^y

A True copy attests

John Lamborn Church Clerk

March 24. 1819 This day, David 29.
Smith from Temple Maine was
installed over the church of Mendith
3^d division and Berlin Harbor

April 5th voted their communion begin
the 3^d sabbath in April and that their
communion, be once in eight weeks,
also observe four in a year

April 6 1820 The Church voted to observe
eight communions this year to
begin first sabbath in May to be holden
once in five weeks through the warm
season

1821 March 21 The Church of Christ
in Berlin Harbor and Mendith 3^d division
voted to commence their communion
for the ensuing year on the 1st sabbath
in May and to hold them once in five
weeks through the comfortable part of
the season

October 3^d Chon Read David Smith, Clerk
of the church This was done at the yearly
conference this conference was adjourned
from the second wednesday of September

30. April 1820 on the communion
in April was added to the Church of
Christ Dea John Argood and Susannah
Argood his wife also Wife of Stephen
Fogg also Reprickah R. Smith

on the second communion of the
Church of Christ was added Wife of Thomas
Smith also wife of Jeremiah Doulas
and also Oliver Moulton
yearly communion. Letitia Senter
Mrs Pally Wiggins Miss Lavina Senter
was added to the Church of Christ

In the last communion in 1820
was added Miss Lurinda Argood & Miss
Pally Senter for the last Sabbath in
January 1821 David P. Smith was added
to the Church of Christ in Mendon

On July Com - 1821 Read Mrs Lumbson
by letter to full communion in our
of the communion of this year secured
Mrs Lavin Morse wife of Deacon Moses Morse
and Pally Mellickin
on Septe communion Abigail Townsend
and Catherine Bruckner added to the Church by letter
1823 Jan Communion Read Betsey Jumps to
full communion by a confession of her faith.

22^d July 1824 At a Church meeting³¹.
helden at the request of the Rev David Smith
at his house on Wednesday this day
1st voted Deacon Moses Morse be moderator
of this Church in consequence of the ill health
of the Rev David Smith

2^d voted John Samlson be clerk of this Church

3^d voted that John Samlson be added to a com-
mittee consisting of Deacon Moses Morse and
Deacon John Osgood and they attend to all
complaints that may be brot against the
members of this Church

4th voted that Deacon Moses Morse
Deacon John Osgood and
John Samlson be a com-
mittee to attend to all the concerns of this
Church

John Samlson
Church Clerk

The Rev David Smith died the eighteenth
day of August 1824

1825 April 12. Miss Hepzibah R. Smith
(by her request) was by a vote of the Chh
dismissed from this and recommended
to the Church of Christ in Temple Maine.

1826 Oct 20

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This day met agreeable to appointment with the Rev Mr Carpenter and after the meeting was opened with prayer and concerning upon the state of feeling of the Church agreed to drop everything that was perfect and lie together more like brethren.

John Lamborn
C. Clerk

Reminded from the Church of Sandwich a communication requesting a delegate to help to help settle Mr David P. Smith as their Pastor

April 26th met agreeable to appointment and chose Deacon John Orgood as moderator. Voted John Lamborn be a delegate from this church to the Church in Sandwich to attend the ordination of Mr David P. Smith

John Lamborn
C. Clerk

At a church meeting holden for the purpose chose Deacon Moses Morse and John Orgood as delegates to attend a conference of churches at Sandwich which meeting was adjourned to Monteboron

September 5th met agreeable to appointment and voted to accept of the following as

34 reported for the Constitution of the
conference of Churches which met at
Moultonboro July 11, 1827

At a Meeting of Ministers and Delegates
held by adjournment at the Meeting House
in Moultonboro on wednesday the eleventh
day of July 1827 for the purpose of establishing
a conference of Churches - The Rev Samuel
Hadden was called to act as Moderator who
opened the meeting with prayer after which
it appeared that the churches of Christ - from
the towns of Samworth Sandwich Moultonboro
Osiper Mendith and Centu Harbor were
represented by Delegates
Resolved unanimously that we form a
conference of Churches

A committee was then chosen consisting of
one Layman from each Church to draft
and present forthwith a constitution or
rules by which this conference shall be gov-
erned. The committee consisted of Deacon
Caleb Morse Deacon Moses Morse Daniel
Smith Esq Deacon Thomas Bradbury

35.

and Paul Wentworth Brown after which
the Rev Messrs Dodge and Smith were
added to said Committee and after mature
deliberation submitted the following

Dec 9. 1828

At a meeting of this Church holden
for the purpose voted unanimously
that we present the Rev Reuben Porter
a call to settle over us as our Pastor
in the gospel ministry for the term
of five years and that we give
him annually the avails of a sub-
scription gotten up for that purpose
amounting to three hundred and
fifty dollars to be collected by a
committee to be chosen annually
for this business

John Samborn
Clerk

voted that Deacon Moses Mosse Joshua
Norris ^{and} John Samborn be a committee
in behalf ^{of the church} to extend this call to the Rev Mr
Porter

John Samborn.
Clerk

Dec 15. 1828 met agreeable to adjournment
and voted that Deacons Mosse John Briggs
and John Samborn be a committee to write letters
inquire to the churches to assist in the installation
of the Rev Mr Porter as the committee chosen

38. for that purpose have reported that he will accept of their invitation to settle on them in the gospel ministry.

December 1st voted on James New Berlin Porter as pastor of this Church as their Pastor. Rev R. Porter installed Jan 1. 1829

February 1st 1829 voted agreeable to public notice at the house of brother David Robinson. Chose New Berlin Porter as Moderator of this church - opened the meeting by prayer. Voted we have a communion every fifth sabbath from fast day to Thanksgiving and every seventh sabbath from Thanksgiving to fast day.

Jane B. Leavitt was propounded for admission to the church. Voted Deacon John Osgood Joshua Norris and John Landon be a committee to look up our absent members and see how they are situated.

February 21st Elizabeth Gilman was propounded for the admission to the church.

February 17. voted agreeable to adjournment. Voted that a resolve passed by this Church Sept 2. 1819 be so amended that it shall be left discretionary.

with this Church on receiving a com-
plaint from the world whether it be worthy
of notice and that no person out of the Church
shall be a party in dealing with a member in
any case whatever

voted that this Church be considered as belonging
hereafter to the Samworth association

adjourned to Tuesday next John Lamborne Clerk

to Duren Road
Present { moderate } Mr. Robinson & Son. } That one Smith's Tail
March 17 Clerk } Asgood } Signs money & other

met after several adjournments
at the house of Mother Robinson's. Meeting

opened with prayer. Asgood & Son's have been
Rev. Mr. Robinson's

Resolved. That we regard the private

worship of god as of vital importance
and all habitual neglects of this
duty by the members of this Church
as a just occasion of censure.

Resolved. That we regard the publick
worship of god in his house, as an in-
valuable privilege, and instructed for
our improvement; and all neglects of
this duty by the members of this Chh,
distances or slight incommenience only offend

40 as an apology, highly offensive to God
and unremovable by the Church.

Resolved, That we strive for the fellowship
of the gospel, and the mutual interest
of this Church of Christ, and that each
and every member, who shall either
in person, or any member of their
family by their consent, ^{attend} the meet-
ings of those preachers, whose sentiments
conflict with the vital of religion
as departing from this rule. —

Resolved, That it is the duty of
Parents and Guardians, to require
the children of their respective
families, punctually to attend the
public worship of God on the Sab-
bath, and at other seasons as opportu-
nity presents, and utterly to forbid
their attending the meetings of Liberal
preachers. — — —

Resolved. That we regard all the —

meetings of this Church, for the
transacting of business, lectures prepared
along to the sacrament of the Lord's
supper, for prayer, or monthly concert
as the concern equally of all its mem-
bers, and a neglect of either, as an ~~im-~~
implicit disregard of the cause they
have espoused, and as justly meriting
rebuke.

Resolved, That a Committee of three
be chosen to enquire into the reasons
why persons belonging to other Church
or in our connection, do not request
letters of dismission and recommendation
who shall report, at the next meeting
of the Church in April -

Resolved, That this Committee consist
of Dea John Osgood, or Joshua Harris
or John Adams.

Resolved, That this meeting be adjourned
to the first Monday in April at the

4th place, at 2 o'clock. Closed with prayer.
Ruth Porter —
for
John Sanderson, Jr.

Monday April 6 - 1829
The church met agreeable to
adjournment. Meeting opened
with prayer. —

Present { Bros
 { Sisters

Absent { Bros
 { Sisters

Apr 13, 1829 The church met at Mr Stephen
Tiltons agreeable to adjournment.

Stephen Tilton and wife and Daniel
D. Prescott presented their request to unite
with the church - after examination they
were pronounced for admission, adjourned
to first Monday in May at Bro Robinsons
2 o'clock closed with prayer

R. Porter for
John Sanderson

Monday April 21-1829

Church was convened for business,
agreeable to request of the Pastor, at
Be David Robinson.

Meeting opened with prayer

Present { Mary Clark & Brother, Robinson & Davis
Smith & Luke Osgood.

Absent { Mrs. Williams & Moore.

Present { Sister C Robinson, J. Smith,

Absent { Sister H Moore, Sister A, J. Davis,

Present { Comroe & Spelman & Sister H. Adams

Absent { J. Osgood, J. Vogg, C. Smith, J. Davis

Absent { C. Moulton, L. Sister L. Wiggins,

(J. Lamborn, C. Budge & James & John

At the request of the Pastor to have
a private session of the Church

Voted, That we accept the request.

Voted, That hereafter the Pastor be the
standing clerk of the Church.

Resolved, That the Church resolve itself
in a Committee of the whole, whose

44 It is our duty it shall be ^{to} visit every
about Brother or Sister, from public
worship or any meeting of the Church
particularly specified in its regulations
and ascertain the reasons for their ab-
sence, if not previously known ^{satisfactory}
and report their doings at the
next subsequent meeting of the
Church. —

Resolved, That the Church shall express
~~the~~ ^{its} disapprobation, in calling upon
any of ~~the~~ ^{its} Committee, to ascertain
whether they have attended to the
business of their appointment
Meeting adjourned to the first Sunday
in May, at Br. Robinson & Co. Church
closed with prayer

Amos B. Dyer

Monday May 4 - 1829
Church met agreeable to adjournment
opened with prayer. —

45

Deser & Moderate, R. Robinson, Davis, Smith,

Faile, Sandborn, Penoth, Orgood, Tilton

About 1000, telam, more

Deser & Sister, Robinson, Sandborn, Smith, Gilman

Tilton.

About 1000, Orgood, Gilman, more, Dutchfield, ^{Sturtevant}

The Committee to inquire the reasons why
persons, residing in this place, do not ask a
dismission and recommendation, from the
Church to which they belong, report progress.

Dr. Smith and Davis, and Sandborn
being enquired of by the Chh their reasons
for absence from preparatory Lecture, offered
such, as were satisfactory.

Resolved that each member of the
Church pay in advance 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents
annually, for furnishing the communion
table beginning with the first com-
munion season in A D 1829.

Resolved to continue the quarterly com-
munion, beginning with the word Wednesday
in June.

46 Resolved. That a Committee be appointed to revise the regulations of the Church and prepare them and the articles and covenant for the press -

Resolved. That the Ruben Porter be that Committee. ---

Meeting closed with prayer ---

Ruben Porter cl.

The Church being requested to choose their a delegate; the Porter being one from office, ~~and~~ to attend the County conference at Toddville May 19, 1820 made choice of Dr John Sandborn

Ruben Porter cl.

James H. Hunt
June 1 - 1829

The Church were
unanimously agreeable to publish
the at the meeting house in

Proceedings.

Opened with prayer
The speaker with an excellent text
has offered himself for editor
of the Standard, a London paper.
He is anxious to have some
other names suggested. Some one
wishes to be connected with
the Standard, the Standard
wishes to give further encouragement
to the Standard, but has not
closed with the paper.

Editor of the Standard

From the Standard that you are to
be published in the Standard
of the Standard, the
Standard being about the
time in paper is entirely correct.

48. meeting defunct
closed with prayer
John L. Linn
Circuit 1829

June 24 - 1829

Church met agreeable to public
notice at the meeting House in
meddith. Opened with prayer -

Church Resolved unanimously to
set apart the whole day of the
fourth of July as a day of fasting hum-
iliation and prayer.

The Church took up the case
of the applicants for admission
Miss O. Hill at her request, by vote
of the Church, has liberty to defer application
Miss Matilda J. Parkman stands proposed (as)

to the communion season at Wardsboro
in August next.

meeting dissolved

Closed by prayer

Amos Porter Clerk

August 3-1829

Church met agreeable to public
notice by the Pastor, at the School
house 8 o'clock immediately.

opened with prayer.

Resolved That it is expedient to
adopt the practice of reading the
christian experience of all who
apply for admission, as given by
themselves for this purpose, from
the clerk, on the day of their admi-
ssion.

Mr Jonathan Towner applied for admission
Resolved to hear his experience 19 of
August at this place.

50. Meeting adjourned to the 19
of the present month at this place
at 4. P.M.

Closed with Prayer
Ruben Porter Clerk

Aug 19 Church met by request
at the meeting house in Meredith
opened with prayer

Bro Jonathan Zarrow, gave a relation of
his christian experience, which was satis-
factory. Miss Sarah Gilman also, and
William Bartlett, will have been read next
Sabbath.

The Church voted that they be propo-
unded, for admision.

The above named persons were
received into the Church by unan-
imous consent. Ruben Porter Clerk
Nov 2 Church met agreeable to
publick notice at Bro Robinsons
opened with prayer
Brother Ruben Smith, having

fallen into the sin of intemperance 51,
approved before the Church, of his sin
and acknowledged his sin, and
prayed for forgiveness. The church
expressed their readiness to overlook
his sin, and mutually agreed to pray God
to forgive him; ~~and~~ ^{requiring} on the part of the
offender, that he perform his confession
that it may be publicly read, that the
wound of spirit which he had ~~wounded~~ ^{wounded} he heal.
Voted that a committee be appointed
to attend to care, ⁱⁿ of offenders; ~~if~~ ⁱⁿ public
by breaking the Sabbath by retreating out
a journey on that ~~Sabbath~~ ^{day}; and visiting,
in company with others,
Voted that Dea Moses Moore be this
committee.

closed with prayer —
Reuben Porter Clerk

April 27. 1830

Atty. made to a request of the Rev
Reuben Porter a mutual Council
was called to take into consideration
the expediency of his being dismissed
from his Pastoral relation with this

52. Church and People. The Council reported
that he be disfellowshipped from this commu-
tion. He was therefore disfellowshipped

May 3rd Church met agreeable to public
notice opened by prayer

Voted Deacon John Osgood be moderator
of this Church

Voted John Lamborn be Clerk
adjourned with prayer John Lamborn
Clerk

X 1831 March 22nd (at Mendon meeting house 3rd 1831)

The Church met according to previous
notice and

1st Voted unanimously to give the Rev
a call of Joseph Lane to become their Pastor

2^d Voted that Joshua Norris

Reuben P. Smith

John Osgood

John Lamborn

be a committee to extend this call to the

Rev Joseph Lane

Voted to adjourn to spring the
this place 3 o'clock P. M.

John Lamborn
Clerk

- April 5th 1831 Met according to adjourn-53.
ment and proceeded to business as follows
- 1st Voted, that, as we have given the Rev Joseph Hume
a call
to become our Pastor and he having accepted
this call that he be installed over this Church
the 20th of April inst
- 2^d Voted we send letters of invitation to the churches
of Farnworth Sandwich Moultonboro
Plymouth Compton Sandbornton Mendith
Bridge Gilmanston Pembroke and Concord
for Pastors and Delegates to assist in his
installation
- 3^d Voted Joshua Worns Reubin P. Smith and
John Samblom be a committee to send these
letters to sister churches
- 4th Voted that John Samblom be one of the
Deacons of this Church
- 5th Voted to adjourn to April 19th inst 6 o'clock
A.M.
- John Samblom
Clerk

X April 19 1831 Met agreeable to adjournment
and voted that this Church assume the
name of the first-congregational Church
in Mendith adjourned John Samblom
Clerk

54. 1831 May 7th The Church met according to
previous notice and Voted Rev Joseph Lane
be standing moderator of this church
Voted this meeting stand adjourned

John Samborn
Clerk

Oct 22 Church met according to previous
request and voted Stephen Tilton and John
Samborn be delegates to attend the county
conference

Be Voted John Samborn and Reuben A. Smith
in connection with the Pastor be a com-
mittee to examine candidates who
may propose themselves for admission
into the Church

Be Voted the Pastor be the standing Clerk
of the Church

John Samborn
Clerk

Dec. 11. 1831. Voted that Mary Richardson
be received into this Chh. by virtue of a let-
ter of recommendation from the Chh. in Sam-
borton.

J. Lane, Clerk

X
Dec. 11. 1831. Received into communion and fellowship of this chh. by profession the following persons.
Richard Furbes. Jonathan Bram. Seth Bartlett.
Joseph C. Bartlett. Josiah Kinsip. Sarah Smith.
John Backholder. Josiah Learitt. Pertience Learitt.
John Fernald. Hannah Fernald. Mchittable Long.
Alice Tilton. Joseph S. Keal. Catherine Keal.
Sarah Hentshorn. Olimena Bram. Benjamin Johnson.
Gerrill Collips. Dudley Learitt Jr. Oliver Badger.
Joseph E. Robinson. Hannah Prescott. Dudley Tenney.
Sally F. Tenney. Leber. W. Berry. Nancy Berry.
Jesse B. Swasey. Sarah Tilton. Samuel Bean.
Sally Bean. Margaretta Bram. - 82

Feb. 3. 1832. The church met according to previous notice - and

Resolved. That there be a church conference immediately after every Preparatory Lecture, for the transaction of such business as may then be brought before the church. - That candidates be ^{then} examined for admission to the chh. and that the relation of their experience at that time be sufficient -

Resolved. That Sarah Tilton, at her request, have a letter of recommendation and dismission to the Church in Pembroke.
H. Lane, Clerk

April 12. 1832. Church met, as previously notified, and voted,

1. That there be a communion on the first sabbaths of May, July, Sept., Nov., January, and March. —

2. That no person be hereafter admitted to the fellowship ^{of this chh.} who will not pledge entire abstinence from ~~ardent~~ spirits, except in case of sickness —

3. That there be a protracted Meeting to commence in this place on Tuesday the 29 of May next.

4. That Dea. John Lamborn, Josiah Learitt, Richard Furber, Jos. Towle, Samuel Bean, Daniel Kossis, Josiah Kossis, & Stephen Tilton be a committee to visit every family belonging to the Society, and converse with them on the subject of personal religion previous to the appointed Protracted Meeting —

5. That Saturday ^{previous to said meeting} be observed by the members of this chh. as a day of fasting & prayer.

6. Resolved That all who are hereafter admitted from other churches to this be requested to give a relation of their experience the same as those who are received from the world. — — —

57.

Sept. 1. 1832. The chh. met in conference
& heard the relation of experience from John
Norris, George B. Swasey, & Clarissa Collio,
& voted unanimously that they were satisfied
to receive them to this communion next
Sabbath - - -

Brothers John Sanborn & Joseph C. Bart-
lett produced a complaint against Brother
Joshua Norris as guilty of unchristian
conduct; whereupon the chh. chose Brothers
Richard Furber, & Jonathan Brown a Com-
mittee to notify br. Norris of said com-
plaint, & request him to appear before
the chh. to answer for the same on Satur-
day next at two o'clock P.M. to which
time the chh. then adjourned. - -

Sept 8. 1832. The ^{chh.} met according to adjourn-
ment, when brother Joshua Norris appeared
and made several statements & remarks re-
specting the complaint, presented by Dea. John San-
born & br. J. C. Bartlett. and acknowledged him-
self in fault. The chh. then requested him to make
a suitable acknowledgment publicly before the
congregation, at some meeting on the Sabbath.
at test J. Lane, Clerk

38.

Nov. 10. 1832. At the regular meeting of church conference, the following persons were reviewed in the chh. by letters, viz. From the chh. in Epson Jeremiah Prescott, & wife. From the chh. in Lamberton Christopher Moulton, & Anne Moulton his wife.

Attest. J. Lane, clerk.

January 10. 1833

Church met as previously ~~last~~ ^{last} ~~top~~ ^{top}
and voted ^{1st} That John Lane be
moderator and clerk ^{pro tem}.

Rev Joseph Lane laid before the church
the following request

To the Congregational Chh of Abington
Mendith Having been appoint-

ed agent of the New-Hampshire Bible
Society and after much deliberation and
prayer considering it my duty to
accept the appointment. I would respectfully
request that the important and en-
dearing connection which exists
between us be dissolved provided our
Antislavery Council concern therein
Mendith Jan 10th your affectionate Pastor
1833 } Joseph Lane

2^d Voted that the Church grant Rev. Mr. Lane this request with the proviso 39. that he remain our pastor untill another one is obtained.

3^d Whereas the Rev Joshua Dodge is, expecting to be dismissed from his charge in Moultonboro

Voted That we extend the Rev Mr Dodge an invitation to become our Pastor

4 Voted That John Samborn Capt Richard Tucker and Deft Josiah Worris be a committee to extend to the Rev Joshua Dodge this invitation and in case he accepts the same that this committee make the necessary arrangements for his installation.

5 Voted that if the Rev Mr Dodge accepts this invitation, the following Churches be invited to assist in this installation viz. Sandbornton Meredith Bridge Pelmaraton Herkimer Plymouth Tamworth Sandwich Moultonboro and Northfield

6 Voted That the meeting on the Sabbath for the future be at Meredith Village one

60. half of the time, at the old Meeting house in 3^d division. If Mendith one quarter part of the time, ~~and~~ at Centre Harbor, Meeting house the other quarter.

Resolved this meeting be adjourned

John Samborn
Clerk pro tem

Feb. 3. 1833. A letter snipive from the Congregational chhs in Sandwich, was presented to the chh. requesting Pastor & Delegate to assist in the ordination of Mr. Giles Peck as their Pastor, whereupon,
Vote That this chh. comply with the request & that Dea. John Samborn be Delegate.

The Pastor of this chh. having ascertained that the Rev. Mr. Dodge would remain at Moultonboro's therefore could not be obtained, presented a letter from the Secretary of the N. H. Bible Society, requesting that the subject respecting his continuing to labour for the Bible Society, or relinquishing the agency be referred to the Council to be convened at Sandwich, The chh. consequently,
Vote, That br. Richard Furber be a Del.

egate, in connection with Dr. Sam^l 6!
born, to represent this chh. relative to that
subject— Attest J. Lane, Clerk

Result of Council. The Rev. Joseph Lane
submitted the following question for advice
of the Ecclesiastical Council, convened at Sand-
wich Feb. 6. 1833. Is it his duty to leave the
people of his charge for the purpose of engaging
as an agent of the N. E. Bible Society, provided
another man can be found to take his place
to the satisfaction of his people?
After hearing all the circumstances both fa-
vourable & unfavourable in the case the Council
passed the following resolution—
Resolved that, in view of all the circumstances
stated, it is the duty of Mr. Lane to hold himself
in readiness to leave the people of his charge
& engage as an agent of the N. E. Bible Society,
provided he remains as an acting Pastor till
a man can be found to take his place, who
would give satisfaction to his people.

—Samuel Hadden, Moderator
Benj. P. Stone, Assistant scriber

A true copy, attest Joseph Lane, Clerk

Feb. 4. 1833. The meeting house recently erected at Mendith Village for the use of this chh. & Society was this day dedicated to God the Father, Son, & Holy Ghost, and br. Richard Furber, having been previously appointed by the chh. to the office, was ordained as Deacon of this church. The exercises were as follows.

Invocation & reading of the scriptures by the Pastor
 Introductory Prayer by Rev. John H. Young of Mr. Bridge
 Summon by Rev. Daniel Lancaster of Gilmanston
 Dedictory Prayer by Rev. Benj. P. Stone of Compton.
 Consecrating Prayer by The Pastor

Attest J. Lane, Clerk

April 4. 1833

The Church met agreeable to notice and proceeded to business as follows. Viz

1st Voted John Sanderson be standing Moderator and Clerk of this Church

2^d Voted the Rev Joseph Lane be dismissed from the pastoral care of this church, he having fulfilled the conditions proposed by a council at Sandwich

Voted John Sanderson, Stephen Tilton, and Schez W. Berry be a committee to call a council for his dismissal and they give Rev Joseph Lane a recommendation to the churches in due form and that Moultonboro Sandwich and Mendith Bridge churches be sent to as a council - adjourned

August 4, 1833 Voted Mrs
Augustus Robinson and A. Robinson his wife
be admitted as members of this church by
letter

Nov 3, 1833 Recd into communion and
fellowship Mrs Judith Leavitt by
profession to this Church

1834 January 16 Met agreeable to notice and
Voted this Church be formed into a sabbath
school Society and that John Sanborn be
President - Brother Josiah Leavitt be secretary
and Treasurer Brother J. W. Barry be librarian
and that Deacon Furber and brother
J. B. Bartlett be a committee to visit resi-
dent brethren who commune regularly
with this church and yet have not been
dismissed from other churches.
Voted that this Church adopt the articles
of faith and covenant prepared and pre-
sented by Rev Abraham Wheeler as their
rules of faith and practice and that
Rev Abraham Wheeler be a committee
to get them printed for the Church
John Sanborn Clerk

1138 May 17 This note was written and with the
64 Jan 28. 1834 Agreeably to previous notice
the church met and proceeded to the following
business. Brother John Samborn and Samuel Bean
entered a complaint against Brother Jeremiah
Prescott for a breach of covenant vows in the
following particulars in not rendering support
for the gospel in this church 2^d in not attending
with the brethren when opportunity presented for
the ordinance of religion 3^d for unchristian work
and feeling with the brethren of this church. After
patient hearing voted that the watch and care
of this church be withdrawn from brother Jeremiah
Prescott. John Samborn Clerk

1834 Jan 9 Moved into communion and
fellowship of this church Mrs Betsey Norris
Mrs Polly Moulton Isacel Lane Dorothy Fols
Abner Emery Martha Berry (Polly Jennie
Lydia Brown) John Samborn
Clerk

1835 Jan 4 Moved into communion and
fellowship of this church Isaac Leavitt Sally
Leavitt Leroy Norris Mary Bean Hannah
Bacheldecker Eliza Bacheldecker Leffie A. Samborn
Joseph Sullivan Tilton Susan Tilton Ester
Prescott Lawrence Smith John Samborn
March 1st Moved into communion and fellowship of this church
Samuel Gidman Samuel Brown Martha Brown
Mary Ann Wheeler Larion Foul and Susan Beckman Samborn
John Samborn Clerk

1835 December Voted that James B. Sawitt
resign a regular membership from this church
and be recommended to the church in Hockinson
July Recd Freeman Johnson into commu-
nion and fellowship of this church J. Paulson ^{clerk}

Nov Recd Mrs Sally Sane into the commu-
nion and fellowship of this church

1836 March 1st Voted that the Rev Mr Wheeler
be recommended by this church to the
fellowship of the churches, whenever he may
be called to labor by the providence of God.
Voted John Paulson ^{or} Moderator of this church } John Paulson
1836 April 14 } clerk

Voted that Richard Furber and wife and Gordon
Furber, Mrs Mary Wheeler and Mary Ann Stader
be dismissed from this church and recommended
to churches where they may be called by divine
providence John Paulson - clerk

July 25 met agreeable to notice
voted that David O. Prescott be suspended from the
watch and care of this church for unchristianlike con-
duct in abandoning his wife.

Voted that Joseph E. Robinson be suspended from
the watch and care of this church for unchristian-
like conduct in mingling with the amuse-
ments and dissipation of the world
Voted Rev D. Hardy be the Moderator of this church as
long as he shall continue our minister - John Paulson
clerk

66 1836 Dec 1st Voted That Augustus Robinson
and Hannah Robinson receive letters of dismission
to other churches
John Samborn
clerk

1836 December 26 Met agreeable to previous
notice and proceeded to business as follows
Viz Voted that this church give the
New Publick Wellman a call to settle
over them in the gospel Ministry. This
Vote was unanimous
Voted that John Samborn Samuel Pelham
and Josiah Leavitt be a committee to extend
to him this call and that we give him
for his support four hundred dollars
per an.
John Samborn
clerk
Call organized

June 2^d 1837 Met agreeable to previous
notice and proceeded to business as follows
Viz Voted unanimously that we give
the Newbrook Leavitt a call to settle over
us in the gospel Ministry and that
Samuel Bean Josiah Leavitt and
John Samborn be a committee to extend
the same to him forth with
Negativ Answer given
John Samborn
Moderator and clerk

November 20, 1837

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Met agreeable to previous notice and proceeded to business as follows
1st Voted unanimously that we give the Rev. Eli W. Taylor a call to settle over this Church and Society in the gospel Ministry and that Daniel Beers and John Lamborn be the Committee to extend to him this call.

John Lamborn Moderator and Clerk
This call is accepted of the Church

1838 March 7th Met agreeable to previous notice and proceeded to business as follows
1st Voted that Rev. Eli W. Taylor be Moderator of this Church
2nd Voted Daniel Beers Isaac Leavitt and John Lamborn be a committee to designate the Church to which we should invite in connection with Rev. Mr. Taylor and to fix upon the day of his installation
3rd Voted that John Lamborn and Daniel Gilman be a committee from this Church to confer with a committee of other denominations in the place in making arrangements for a protracted Meeting to be held in common.

The Committee report The day to be fixed upon for the installation of Rev. E. W. Taylor Wednesday March 28th

68 and the Church to be invited to sit in Council
by Pastor and Delegate as follows to wit
Plymouth Moultonboro Sandwich New Hampton
Sandhonton Mendith Bridge and Troydon
also ^{Rev} Mr. Merrill of Acworth.

5th March 1838 Church met in conference and heard
the experience of Daniel Norris and Emily
Norris, his wife Eliza W. Cream Sally Cream
and Mirra Cream and voted unanimously
that they were satisfied with their experience
and they be received into their communion
next Lords day John Pamborn Clerk

19 Met agreeable to previous notice and proceeded
to business as follows

Voted we have a monthly conference Thursday
preceding the first Sabbath in every month
John Pamborn Clerk

April 3 Met in conference. A letter Missive from
our Brethren living at Centin Harbor was
laid before the Church for Pastor and delegate
to attend a meeting at that place in Council
for the purpose of organizing a Church in that
place on Tuesday the eighth day of April inst
Voted John Pamborn be delegate to Centin Harbor
Voted that Moses Morse Jeremiah Towle Dorothy
Sturdevant Sally Parter Hannah Adams Catherine
Smith Edna Morse Ward C. Sturdevant

Lucretia Standen & Lavina Santos 69
Polly Porter Lewis, Morse Olive Emery
Sally Pearce receive from this Church letters
of dismission and Recommendation to the
Church at Canton Harbor of ~~and~~ where con-
stituted - Voted David Tilton be admitted a
member of this Church ~~as~~ by letter from the first
Ch. in London -

May 10 Met in conference ... Voted that
Deacon Richard Furber and Caroline Furber
be admitted as members of this church
by letter from the Church at Middle Bridge

17 Met in conference. Voted that ~~Brother~~
~~consider~~ the vote passed by this Church June
28, 1834 withdrawing the watch and care
of this Church from brother Jere ~~and~~ Prescott
so that he be restored to his state and standing
in the Church.

Heard the Christian experience of Mr. Lottin.
Robinson, Martha Lane, Welthy & Ann Florn,
Nancy Towels, Eliza Bachelors, Sally
Hadden, Gilman, Jone Brown, Jont Moulton,
and Abel Tilton, Voted unanimously that
they be satisfactory and they be received into
the communion of this Church.

John Lamborn Clerk
1838
June 15 Met in conference and Voted that Abigail
Prescott be received in full communion as members

70 of this church by letter from Northwood
Voted that members removed by letter shall
be sent to the covenant

1838 July Voted Eunice Smith be removed into full
communion of this church by letter

Voted Oliver Tilton be received into full
communion of this church by letter

Voted Rev. Chas. Taylor be removed into full
communion of this church as by letter

July 8 Voted James Dearborn Sally B. Dearborn

also David Varnum Abigail Norton, Leucy Norton
Morton Mary E. Fernald Betsy Norris
Julia Tilton be removed as members of this
church

Oct 1838 Voted J. Beckett and Margaret
Beckett his wife be dismissed to the church
in Deerfield by letter

Nov 7 Voted Jeremiah Prescott be dismissed from
the watch and care of this church and his name
erased from her records

Dec 23 Voted Brother Samuel Brown and Maria
Brown his wife receive a letter of dismission and
recommendation to the church in Bath

1839 Feb 7 Voted

Voted that Mrs Laura Taylor be admitted as a
member in full communion with this church as by letter
John C. Taylor Clerk

1839 Feby 17 Voted that Stephen Gilman
be a member of this church as by profession
John Lamborn Clerk

Feby 28 Voted that Luke Fernald be a member
of this Church and by letter from Salem Church
Boston

March 3^d Voted Warrister Smith Mary St. Parrette and
Susan Barnes become members of this Church by profession
John Lamborn Clerk

July 4 Voted Mrs Prescott wife of J. Prescott be dismissed from
this Church as by her own request
John Lamborn Clerk

Sept. 14. 1839 Voted Mrs Edmund Furber become
a member of this Church by letter from New Market
John Lamborn Clerk

Feby 1840 Voted Jan. B. Quincy be dismissed from
this Church by letter to one in Alabama

July 28 Voted Hannah Palmer be received as a
member of this Church by letter from the Church of
London

August 16 Voted that Brother Samuel Gilman
be dismissed from this Church to the Church of
Christ in Lumbroth John Lamborn Clerk

1841 Jan 13 Voted Jan. Brown and Lydia Brown be
dismissed and recommended to the Church at Burlington

Jan 30 Voted E. C. C. C. be dismissed and receive
a letter of recommendation to the Church in Methuen
John Lamborn Clerk

72 Jan. 30. 1841 Voted that Ebenezer be received
as a member of this Church by letter from
Church at Plymouth

John Landon Clerk

Feb 14 Voted that Daniel W. and Emily
Worin receive letters of dismission and recom-
mendation to the Church of Colebrook

John Landon Clerk

1841 March 28 Met according to previous notice
and Voted John Landon Michael Auburn
Samuel Bean be a committee to look over
the catalogue of Church members and re-
port thereon

John Landon Clerk

April 2 Met agreeable to notice and Voted
that members of this Church living within
the bounds of C Harbor Church be written
to and shown reasons why they do not
request letters of recommendation and
dismission to that Church and that
delinquent members be visited by a
committee chosen for that purpose to enquire
into the state of the views and feelings and
report thereon at a future meeting

John Landon Clerk

April 17 Met agreeable to notice and Voted that
Polly Wiggins be dismissed and recommended
to Church on the neck. Voted that Catherine
Smith be dismissed from this Church forthwith
Voted that Rev Benjamin Potter and wife be

dismissed from this Church
Voted Sarah Hart, born he dismissed from
this Church Voted that Sally Luter Polly
Luter Lettie Luter Hannah Adams
be dismissed from this Church Voted

Oliver Moulton be dismissed from this Church
^{any one that is so sorry that he has been dismissed from this Church}
Voted that the doings at our Church meetings

shall not be divulged, any member guilty
of the infraction of this vote shall be dealt
with as an offending member

John Samblon clerk
1845 Sept 12 Voted that the Rev E W Taylor and
his wife Lurana Taylor be dismissed and
recommended to the Church in Washington D.C.

John Samblon
Nov 15 Met agreeable to notice and proceeded as follows
Voted John Samblon be standing Moderator of this

Church
Voted Dudley Penny and Guelle Corlip be
dismissed from the watch and care of this
Church forthwith. The following resolutions passed
unanimously by

Resolved that Slavery holding under all possible cir-
cumstances is an against God and man and
ought to be immediately and forever abolished

2^d Resolved that we will not knowingly commune
with slaveholders as Christians

3^d Resolved that we will not hear a slaveholder
preach as a Christian Minister
John Samblon clerk

7th January 1842 Voted Joseph P. Neal
be suspended for his disorderly walk and
entirety to the church by endeavoring to
persuade others to leave our own church
and Society and to go with him to the
support of other denominations.

John Samborn
Jan 5 upon confession of his faults Joseph P.
Neal was restored to his standing in the
church by vote and dismissed to the Baptist
church in Mendota Village John Samborn

1842 February 10 at a meeting duly notified
voted we extend a call to Rev Giles Leach
to settle over us in the gospel ministry
and that Samuel Bean John Samborn
be a committee to join that of the Society
to extend to him said call

John Samborn

X March 23

at a meeting duly notified voted that Rev
Giles Leach be the standing Moderator of this
church. Voted that John Samborn Richard Furber
and Samuel Bean be a committee to ~~a com~~
~~mittee~~ to visit members of this church who
may have walked disorderly or may have been
grieved by others to bring about a better state
of feeling in this church John Samborn Clerk

1842 April 30

at a meeting duly notified voted the following resolutions

Resolved That the use of ardent spirits as a beverage and trafficking in it in our opinion is sin and that it is the duty of a church to take up a labor with such and if not successfull in reclaiming them they should be excommunicated

Resolved That we will act in accord-
ance with the sentiment of the above resolve

John Samborn
Clerk

May 14

at a meeting duly notified Voted that
Jas. A. Samborn receive a letter of dismission
from this church to that of Gardiner Mass
in due form John Samborn Clerk

May 28

at a Church meeting duly notified for the pur-
pose of attending to difficulties with brother
Stephen Tilton respecting his vending ardent
spirits and he having sent in a request to

76 he dis missed from the watch and
care of this Church Voted that his
request be complied with and he be
removed from our watch and care
Cary John Lamborn Clerk

Voted Mark F. Johnson be dismissed to
Rev Mr. Churchwards Church house as
by letter John Lamborn Clerk

October Voted Harriett Fennell be admitted
into the church on the profession of her faith
in Christ -

Nov Voted John Lang and Sarah Budgett
be admitted into the church on the profession
of their faith in Christ John Lamborn Clerk

16 at Met agreeable to notice and Voted
that Mrs - Cary Elough Elizer
Carlis Silas Liron & Mary Lion be propound
ed for admission into the church

Nov 27 Voted Miss Francis Lang stand
propounded for admission into the
Church

Voted Harriett Palmer receive a
letter for dis mission to the church in
Concord

Nov 28 Voted Mrs Caroline F. de
receive a letter of dis mission from this
Church to the Cong. Church in Towns worth
John Lamborn Clerk

The undersigned a committee of 77
the Cong. Church in Mendota Village
woud respectfully submit to your
consideration the following votes of the Church

at a regular meeting of the Cong.
church in Mendota Village holden Nov 4
1842 Voted as follows unanimously
that the members of this Church are
entirely satisfied with the piety or-
^{ortho}doxy and Ministerial qualifications
of the Rev Giles Leach
Voted that the Rev Gile Leach be
invited to become the pastor and teach-
er of this Church

Voted that the Brethren Samuel Beers
Joseph W Leung and Isaac Lee with be
a committee to communicate their
votes to Mr Leach and to ~~carry out~~
the wishes of the church in relation
to these premises and to make any
arrangements that may be necessary

The committee are happy to say
that an entire unanimity of feeling
prevails in the parish in reference to your
settlement among us. The doings of the society

78 will accompany this communication - and now Ben Linn permits personally and in behalf of the Church which we represent to express our sincere desire that you will except of an invitation to the pastoral office among us and name an early day for the ordination services

Praying that God would guide you to a favorable decision we subscribe ourselves in behalf of the Church
your Brethren in Christ

Samuel Beaman }
Joseph W. Lang } of the Church
a true copy attested

John Linnham - Clerk

Oversent to letter misfire from
Cong. Chh in Mendota Village an eccle-
sastical council convened in the
vestry of the Cong. Society Nov 22. 1842
composed of the following Pastors & delegates
Viz from the Church in Sandwich
Rev Otis Holmes Pastor
Br Stephen Cogan Delegate

Sundwich & North Sea Train Fogg Dep. Sept.
Moultonboro Rev Joshua Dodge Pastor
Leitch Harbor Rev Oliver Benson Pastor
Br Jona Brown Delegate

Musclitt Bridge Rev John H Young Pastor
Br Bradstreet Gilman Delegate

Chesteronton Center Rev Samuel Lancaster Pastor
Br Deborah Warren Delegate

Sandborton Rev Abraham Bodwell Pastor

Bristol Rev D. O. Morton Pastor

Rev Chester Stone Delegate

Salisbury Rev Ben J. Foster Pastor

Plymouth Br Jona Cummings Delegate

The Council was organized by choosing
Rev A Bodwell Moderator and Rev J.

Benson scribe after prayer by Moderator

The Council proceeded to an examination

of the papers in reference to the call from

Cong. Society in Musclitt Village to the

Rev Giles Leach to become their Pastor

and teacher and his answer to the

same and to other certificates of his

regular standing as a Minister of the Gospel

The candidate was then examined in

reference to his Christian experience

88 This being found satisfactory the
Council proceeded to examine him
at some length as to his religious
belief and his ability to state and defend
the doctrines of the Gospel In view of
which voted unanimously that the
examination is satisfactory and that
we proceed to assign the parts in the
installation exercises as follows viz
Selection of scripture and introductory
prayer Rev Almon Benson
Sermon G. D. O. Morton
Installation Prayer by Rev Brecken. Braden
Charge to Pastor Rev John H. Young
Right hand of Rev Benj. F. Foster
address to the people Rev David Lancaster
Concluding prayer Rev Elis Holmes
Benediction by the Pastor

Voted that this council adjourn to meet
at this place to morrow morning at half
past 8 o'clock for the purpose of observing
a season of prayer in reference to the im-
portant business for which this council was
convened

Wednesday morning Nov 23^d Met

according to adjournment and 8/1
after having continued in prayer
until the time had arrived for the
public exercises to commence
Voted that the above be accepted as
the doings of this Council and at
the close of the services signed by
Moderator and Clerk

Abraham Bodwell
Mod—
Almon Benson Clerk

A True copy attest Almon Benson
Secretary

A True copy attest John Sambor
Clerk

Voted that

Dec 4 Silas Lion, Nancy Lion
Clough, James ^{Whiddell} Leary and Elizabeth
be admitted in full fellowship, as members
of this Church on profession of their faith in Christ
Voted that Elizabeth J Leach be admitted
as a member of this church in full stand-
ing by letter from Clough in Sandwich
May 1843 Voted Saml N. C. and
Gally Moulton be admitted as members
of this church on profession of their faith in
Christ

John Sambor Clerk

1843 August 19 Voted that Ebenezer
82 Gilman Howard be dis missed
from this Church to the church of
Christ in Holland Vt John Lamborn
Clerk

Sept 12 Voted that Martha Lane
be dis missed from this church
to the church of Mount Vernon in
Boston John Lamborn
Clerk

Oct Voted that Silas Lion Nanny Lion
and Sally Jennys be dis missed to Albany
Church Vt at the request John Lamborn
Dec 13 Voted that John Pulten Tilton be
excommunicated from this Church
Voted that Worcester Smith be suspended
from this Church ad infinitum
Voted that Daniel Tiltons conduct is
viewed by this Church with disappro
bation John Lamborn
Clerk

Dec 25 Voted that this church is satisfied
with the confession and feeling of brother
Daniel Tilton John Lamborn
Clerk

1844 Jan 6 Voted that John Smith 3^d be
admitted as a member of this Church
on profession John Lamborn Clerk

1844 Jan 29 Voted that Mrs. Jane formerly
Miss Rennie Smith by her request be
dismissed from this Church and recom-
mended to the Church in Temple Maine
John Samson

March 3 Voted Nancy Lane be admitted as
a member of this Church on profession
John Samson

Voted Brother Samuel Bean be a delegate
to go to Plymouth with our Pastor to
advise us to the expediency of dismissing
the Pastor of that Place on account of ill
health Voted Brother E. W. May be a

1845 April Voted that John Skellfus be
admitted as a member of this Church
by letter
John Samson

July 13 Voted that Amos R. G. Holden be
admitted a member of this Church
John Samson

1846 July 2nd

Met agreeable to notice
Voted that as Christopher Moulton
and Anne Moulton had virtually
withdrawn themselves from this
Church and had requested their
names to be taken from their
records, as being no longer mem-
bers that their request be granted
John Samson

84 July 3. 1846 Voted John Samborn
be a committee to see Eliza
Birchelder and report to next
church meeting with regard to
her conduct John Samborn
Clerk

Sept 5th Met agreeable to notice and
Voted that Eliza Birchelder be suspend-
ed from this church John Samborn

1847 Haley Voted that - Jabez W Berry
and Wm Berry receive a letter
of dismission and recommendation
to the church of Christ in Thetford Vt.

August Voted Melinda D. Moulton be admitted
a member of this church as by letter
J. Samborn Clerk

October 31st Voted Levi Leach be admitted
a member of this church in full standing
as by letter from Bridgewater Mass.

1849 Sept- Voted Jeremiah Myles be admitted
a member of this church in full standing
by letter from Burlington Vt John Samborn
Voted that Mary C. Myles be admitted
a member of this church in full standing
by letter. Allen T. H. John Samborn

Members admitted by profession -

Dec. - 1815. & Susanna Dotson
June 30. 1816. & Isaiah Fogg -

Aug. 6. 1816 & John Adams

Aug. 2. 1817 John Lamborn

1820. Catharine Smith

Sally Towle Polly Wiggins

Olive Moulton Lucina J. Senter

+ Lucinda Esgood, Polly Senter,

Jan. 1821. & David R. Smith,

Lucina Morse, & Sally Mulikin

Jan. 1823. & Betsy James.

1829. & Jane B. Leavitt. Elizabeth Gilman

Jonathan Farnak. Abigail Bartlett.

+ Sarah G. Gilman. Julia Tilton

Daniel D. Prescott. Stephen Tilton.

+ Matilda Lockum.

Dec. 11. 1831. & Richard Furber. Jonathan Cram.

Seth Bartlett. Joseph C. Bartlett.

Josiah Norris. Sarah Smith.

John Barchelder. Mahitable Lang.

Josiah Leavitt. Pertience Leavitt.

John Funnell. Hannah Funnell.

Joseph Keal. Catharine Keal

Sarah Hertschorn. Alice Tilton.

Members admitted by profession.

- Dec. 11. 1831. ^T Benjamin Johnson. Olimena Gram.
 Gornil Collis. Dudley Leavitt Jr.
 Joseph C. Robinson. Oliver Badger.
 Hannah Prescott. Sarah Tilton.
 Dudley Kenney. Sally & Kenney.
 Leiber. W. Kenney. Nancy Berry.
 Jane B. Swasey. Margaret Gram.
 Samuel Bean. Sally Bean.
- Feb. 5. 1832. Ward C. Sturtevant. Lucetta Sturtevant.
 John W. Towle. George S. Towle.
 Lettice B. Towle. Mary Jane Towle.
 Mary B. Swasey. Caroline Furber.
 Daniel Norris. Samuel Gilman Jr.
 Mary Norris. Hannah Prescott.
 Mrs Prescott.
- July 3. 1832. * Mary Furber.
- Sept 2. . . John Norris. George B. Swasey.
 Clarissa Collis.
- August 5. 1833. * Mary Wheeler }
 + Augustus Robinson } by letter
- Nov 30. * Hannah Robinson }
- 1834 January 19 Fidelity Leavitt
 Betsy Norris Polly Moulton
 Isabel Lane Dorothy Hoos
 Olive Emery Martha Berry
 } Sally Tenney
 } Lydia Brown Mrs Kenney
- 1835 Jan 4 Isaac Leavitt Joseph Culvan Tilton
 Lepe A. Lamson Sally Leavitt

1835 Jan 4 * Eliza Bachelder Hannah Bachelder 89.
Lucy Norris Mary Bean
Susan Tilton Ester Prescott
Lavina Smith

July * Freeman Johnson
Nov Sally Pearce July 26, 1836 Male 68 Female 39

1838 March 18 Daniel Norris Emily Norris
Eliza Wilbur Sally Curran Minnie Curran
1838 May 20 Daniel Tilton Richard Furber and
Caroline Furber Lettie Robinson Martha Lane
Nancy Towle Wealthy Ann Horn Eliza Bachelder
elder Sally H. Gilman John Brown Jonathan
Moulton and Samuel Tilton

1855 Nov. 4th Voted That Mrs Elizabeth G.
S. Leach and Lucy A. Leach be dismissed
from this Church by their request and
recommended to the Church of Christ in
Wells Maine

John Samson, Clerk

December 27th

Voted that Mrs Julia Bupal receive a letter
of dismission and recommendation from this
Church to the Cong. Church at Lodi, Cal.

John Samson, Clerk

Baptisms.

Moses and Salley Senters (Children Baptized
by the Rev. Jeremiah Shaw of Moultonboro)
Salley Moor

Mary Wiman Smith

Laleb Morse

Prisilla Kelsea

Lettie Bean

Anna Morse

Isaiah Fagg and Salley Children Baptized
by the Rev. W. H. Holt

Called Stephen Harris
1817 John Samson Baptized by Rev. Mr. Holt

1820 July 11 Lavina Senter Baptized
Sept 3 1820 Isaiah Fagg's Child Baptized
1821

March 22 1829 James D. Levitt

April 20 1829 Stephen Tilton & his wife
do Daniel D. Prescott

The family of Mr. Tilton, on the other side

April 26-1829, Joseph Sullivan
 Tilton, Olive Tilton, Susan Tilton,
 Stephen Tilton jr Julia Maria Tilton
 John Quincy Tilton. and
 Priscilla Batchelder⁽¹⁵⁾ of David Cram -
 Gamathan Townsh⁽¹³⁾ 1830 February 25 The
~~family of Joseph Chase Bailett~~
~~Stephen B. Bailett John Bailett~~
~~Mary Jane^{B.} Bailett^{Joseph} Milton Bailett~~
~~& Bailett August 6th Abigail Batchelder Bailett~~

Feb. 25. 1830. The children of Joseph Chase
 Abigail Bartlett. vir. Stephen Batchelder,
 John; Mary Jane Batchelder; Joseph Milton;
 Elbridge Williams.

Baptisms. adults.

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Dec. 2, 1831. The following persons were
baptized by immersion, viz. John Bachel-
dor. Josiah Searvitt. Patience Searvitt.
John Fernald. Joseph S. Neal. Catharine
Neal. Benjamin Johnson. Dudley Searvitt Jr.
Sally F. Kenney.

Dec. 11, 1831, The following persons were baptized
Seth Bartlett. Joseph C. Bartlett. Sarah
Smith. Sarah Hartsborn. Plimeneu Green.
Gomill Collops. Joseph C. Robinson. Hannah
Priscott. Dudley Kenney. Nancy Berney.
Jane B. Swasey

Baptisms. Adults.

Feb. 5. 1832. Ward. C. Sturtevant. Mary P. Swasey.

Caroline Tucker. Mary Norris.

John W. Towle. George S. Towle

Lettie B. Towle. Mary Lane Towle

Sept 2. 1832. John Norris, George B. Swasey
 Clarissa Collis.

Nov 3rd 1833 Judith Lewitt Dorothy Tapp

Jan 19. 1834 Isabel Lane
 Olive Emery Martha Berry
 Sally Jennings 1836

1838 March 1st Elizabeth Turner Sally Crane

Annin Crane May 20 Martha Lane

Waring Towle wealthy Ann How

Sally H. Q. Lincoln Eliza Baskin

Jane Brown Jane Moulton

Naniel Tilton

July 8 Sally B. Dean born Mary Moulton

Betsy Norris - 1842 at Hannah Jennings

Nov J. W. Lang

Baptisms. Children -

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Dec. 2. 1831 John Henry, son of Dec. John & Susan Sembons
Dec. 11. 1831. Mary. Daughter of Samuel and

Sally Bean - - - -

Feb. 5. 1832. William Bean, Dudley Fogg, and Abigail
Marceline, children of Josiah & Mary Norris.

June 16. 1831. Martha Jane, & Luinda B. children
of Daniel D. Prescott. - - - -

June 1835 Tabitha Moulton 1836 Tilton

July 1840 Moulton 1840 Tilton

10 March 1844 Arcanah Marlette

28 July Samuel B. Noyes

1847 October 31 Emma & Giles Leach
Willie Lemmon Leach

July 30. 1859 Maria Jane Lang Burkhart
daughter of Rev. C. and Mary M. Burkhart

Baptismal Adults 1858

Jan. 17th George H Harris
 L. Henry Prescott
 Eliza A. Ladd
 Mary Jane Harris
 Jane Bean Loring
 Benj. L. Beare
 Sarah Frances Beare
 Maria Jane Cram

Jan. 2. 1859

Umpfrey Aaron Cogswell

March 2. 1862. Mary Abbie Dearborn

Aug. 14. 1867. Moses Truman Hutchins

Nov. 7. 69. Mrs. Samuel Adams

Baptisms Infants.

1859. Aug 3^d. Maria Jane Tang Burnham
 1862. July 5th. James Wyles Burnham
 do. do. A do. Susan Lillian Sanborn.

1863. Jan. 3^d. Jeremiah Payson Merrill

Deaths of Members -

Stephen Norris. March 15. 1815.

Rev. David Smith. Aug 18. 1824.

Mary Saelle. - Nov. 6. 1824.

Isabella Dotson. Nov. 24. 1824.

Abigail Townsley. - - - 1825.

Betsy Jennings. June 2. 1829.

Ephraim Dotson. April. 1829.

Hannah Morse. Nov. 16. 1831.

Abigail Norris. Jan. 25. 1829.

Sally Goble May 19. 1832.

Clara Prescott March - 1834

Daniel Robinson and Elizabeth Robinson 1835

Lark Hogg ~~1834~~ 1834 Edna Morse 1834

John McLean 1836 - Eliza Barchelderle Harriet Barchelderle 1836

Joseph Leavitt 1837 - Dubby Leavitt died Jan 1. 1842

Mary Furber - Lavina Leavitt 1842 died

Nancy Towle 1841 May 20

Deaths in 1858

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Jan. 22nd Mrs. Lydia Brown, aged 74Feb. 15th Jonathan Crum aged 77 5 monthsApril 14th Mrs. Polly Moulton aged 64.July 20th Mrs. Betsey Norris aged 69.Aug. 7th 1858 Miss Jane Bean Lang aged 18

1859

Dec. 5th 1859 John Backholder aged

Jan. 10. 1861 Jonathan Brown aged 92.

March. 20 1861 Noah Mason aged 71

Jan. 1862 Mrs. Makitable Lang aged 68

Feb. 26. 1862 Mrs. Leffe Perkins

May 12. 1862 Mr. Seth Bartlett. aged 92

June 1st 1863 Mrs. Mary Noyes aged 42.

Nov. 25. 1863 Miss Mary Abbie Dearborn

Sept. 30. 1864 Mrs. Catherine Badger, Aged 77.

Feb. 11th 1865 Mrs. Ann Maria Blake, aged 46

June 26. 1865 Mrs. Caroline Drear, aged 49.

Oct. 17. 1865 Samuel Beane aged 76.

Jan. 20. 1866 Mrs. Susan Sanborn. aged 74.

Jan. 27. 1867 Mrs. Lucy Norris, aged 92.

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Deaths in 1867

April 27.

Mrs. Ha. Lane, age 79

Jan. 14. 1870

Dr. John Sanborn.

July. 15. 1870

Rev. Richard Furber

May 1870

Velly Henry Hayward

Jan 1871

Margaret Cram

Apr 1871

John Jones

Mrs Mary Harris

Quillight Harris

Charles Smith

1877

Isaac Leavitt

George W Lang

Attha Prescott

Jane L. Blaisdell

James Dearborn

Mrs

Robinson

120 Dismission of Members to other Churches.

Feb. 3. 1832. Sarah Tilton, to the Chh. in Pembroke

Feb. 6. 1832 Isaac Fogg } to the Chh. in Sandwich.
Sarah Fogg }

April 12. 1825. Hephzibah R. Smith, to the Chh. in Temple. Me.

May - - 1831 (Dea. John Osgood) to the Chh at Gilmanston
(Susanne Osgood) from work - -

May 12. 1832. Benjamin Johnson to the Chh. in Wintworth

Nov. 10. . . . Matilda Lockhart, to the Chh. in Lowell, Ms.

July 1835 Jenn B. Reavill to the Church in M. Kinean

1841 Jan 12 John Brown to Church in Seal Harbor
Lydia Brown to Church in Seal Harbor

Sept - 12 Rev Eld Taylor and Laura Taylor

April 17 to the Church in Richmond Virg

Jan. 1842 Daniel Joseph P. Keel be suspended for
disorderly walk and May 1842 restored & dismissed
Levi A. Linton dismissed to Church in Gerdner Mass 1842 May
Hannah Palmer dismissed to first Church Cornwall
Caroline Furbur dismissed to Church in Somers worth
1850 Deborah Worcester Smith dismissed
to the Church of Christ in West Amblerbury
Mass.

March 7. 1850

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agreeable to previous appointment
the Church met and proceeded to business
with regard to the belief and standing
of ~~Peckham~~ Leake Fernald and John
Fernald

John Sanborn Clerk

voted this meeting stand adjourned
to one week from this day ^{John Sanborn} Clerk
March 14 Met agreeable to adjournment
and voted to adjourn further action
to next fast day at half past ten
o'clock A. M.

John Sanborn Clerk

P. S. Voted at the above meeting that all
members of this Church who have ab-
sented themselves from the Church and
therefor three years be dismissed there-
from

John Sanborn Clerk

1852 Jan Voted that Edmund S. Moulton
and Sarah H. Moulton be admitted
as members of this Church as by letter
John Sanborn Clerk

June 6 Voted at a regular meeting
of the Church that Samuel Beers be
a delegate to the installation at
Waltham Bridge John Sanborn Clerk

June 23 Voted that Levi Beach be a delegate
to the installation of a minister at Sand-
bom

1852 July 4 Voted Noah Mason be
admitted as a member of this
Church in full standing by letter
Voted that Mrs. Martha Mason be
admitted as a member of this
Church in full standing by letter
Voted Miss Anna Maria Moulton be ad-
mitted as a member of this Church
in full standing by letter
1854 May 6 John Symborn Clerk

Voted that Mary Lane be excommu-
nicated from this Church.

Voted that a letter be sent to the wife of
Levi Lowe be laid upon the Table for
further action
John Symborn Clerk

1850 Dec 10

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voted that Wornster Smith receive
a letter of dischrg from the Church
in West Amesbury Mass as in full
standing

1853 March 17 Voted that John W. Tande. having
been duly notified and labored with
for violating his ecclesiastical vows
in wholly neglecting the ordinances of
the Lord's supper be hereby excommunicated
from this Church

voted that John Fernald having been
labored with for denying the necessity
of the Lord's supper and neglecting the
same be hereby excommunicated from
this Church

Voted that the subject of Nancy Lane
having attended the Sunday School
be referred to the next Church meeting
John Sumner Clerk

May 4

at a Church meeting this day
voted the subject relating to Nancy Lane be
postponed to our next meeting and that
a committee chosen for that purpose
wait upon her with notice of the same

John Sumner
Clerk

Feb 4 1854 February 4 at a church meeting
held on this day Voted that
Albert St. Mortton Mrs. Prescott
Caroline Emery and Lucy Ann Leach
stand proposed to become members
of this Church

18 at a meeting held on by this Church,
Voted that Sarah Andrews and
Elizabeth H. Leach stand proposed
to become members of this Church
March 5 Voted that

Albert St. Mortton, Mary Prescott
Sarah Andrews, Caroline St. Emery
Elizabeth H. Leach and Lucy Ann Leach
be members of this Church in
full standing John Pamborn
Clerk

May 15 Met - agreeable to previous notice
Rev. Giles Leach sent in a request
to be dismissed from his pastoral
relations with this Church and join
with him in calling a council for
that purpose

Voted that agreeable to his wishes
we join with him for that purpose
Voted John Pamborn and Edmund
St. Mortton be a committee for that
purpose

Voted unanimously that Rev Giles
 leave receive from this Church
 a due expression of their feelings
 towards him in the full acknowl-
 edgment of his faithfulness and
 ability while among them as
 a Pastor as a Christian and as
 a man

John Pemberton
 Clerk

At an Ecclesiatic Council convened in
 Mendon Village May 25 1884 by letters
 inspired from the same in that
 place to consider the question of separa-
 ing the pastoral relation of Rev Giles
 from the said Church and to regulate
 the connection if they shall judge
 best. Present from the Church in
 Mendon Village

- Rev John H Young Pastor
- from the Church in Plymouth
- Rev William H Jewett Pastor
- Brother Richard Bennett Delegate
- Church in Leicester
- Brother John Brown Delegate
- Rev John H Young Minister
- and Rev William Jewett Peritor

126. The Council was informed with
prayer by the Minister. The minutes
were read. There was written to the Council
at 1 o'clock that the Pastor
Rev. Giles Leach had asked for a dis-
mission from his Pastoral charge
on the ground of inadequate support.
Various questions were then proposed
to the members of the Church and
concerning the state of feeling
towards the Pastor and his prospects
of a full support. The Council then
adjourned to 1 o'clock P.M.
2 o'clock P.M. The Council met ac-
cording to adjournment. Further
testimony was presented by members
of the Church and finally having read
the Council Vote
The Council then adjourned. The members of the
Church were willing to decide
the question submitted to them and
the Pastor was asked to be
designated by Pastors or Clergy in their
place and they request that the Pastor
and Delegates be invited to sit with
them at the adjourned meeting of the Council.
William P. Smith, Secy.

Widdowson & Jones
June 14, 1854.

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An adjourned meeting of our
Episcopal Council previously con-
vened at Mendon Village May 23 1854
to consider the question of disaffiliation of the
Episcopal relation of the Episcopate to
the Episcopal Church in America. The
more than the other. The Council
has the honor of the
from the Council in Mendon.

Rev William H. Jewett Pastor
Broad St Church in Boston Harbor
Rev Almon Benson Pastor
Rev John Brown Delegate

The minutes of the previous
meeting were read. after the most de-
liberate consideration of the point. That
a strong with such regard for the unity
of a disaffiliation of the Episcopate as
of the Council to the Council in
would be most such a result should
be made. The Council in
has decided to sign the
the in the Cong. Church in Mendon
Village.

The Council before it closes its

minutes of the board of elders that
 all the members of that church are
 ready to receive before them here
 the most unqualified testimony to
 the purity, fidelity and integrity
 of the church in the discharge
 of his pastoral duties during the
 term of his ministry in this place.
 We rejoice that the great head of
 the Church has given our Brother
 such a noble and unqualified
 to him the universal confidence of his
 people in his Christian character.

He is a very commendable to the
 reputation of our community as a min-
 ister of the Gospel in good standing and
 well qualified for an unqualified in-
 vitation to the
 same. It is that our friends and
 friends of whom many are now prepared to
 go on in the most important services to Christ and
 in the harvest of souls
 and deeply engaged with the
 Church in being supplied of a Pastor

The African Slaves of our country
 who have and hope that their
 services should be as well as
 necessary to the country that they will
 be led to take immediate measures
 for the settlement of the Georgia
 colony among them. It is our
 would recommend to them to make
 suitable arrangements to their
 Pastor in view of his superior
 sacrifice to which his services will
 subject him

John H. Young, Secretary
 William H. Smith, Treasurer

New Little Village, June 14, 1854
 A true copy of

1854

July 1st at a meeting of the
 ladies and after hearing the
 explanation of Miss Jane M. Smith
 that she has submitted to a
 then concluded in full standing

John H. Young, Secretary

1856 Dec 15th The Church met according
to previous notice at the house of Deacons
Richard Fairbank and voted that they
join with the society in extending
a call to the Rev. Charles Burnham
to settle over them in the Gospel Ministry
Voted that Deacons Richard Fairbank
and John Samborn be the committee
to join with the society in extend-
ing to Rev Charles Burnham that call
and to make arrangements for
his Installation

January 3^d 1857 at a meeting of the Church
at the house of Dea. Richard Fairbank

Voted that the Rev Charles Burnham
be admitted as a member of this Church
By letter from Weeks St. Cong. Church

South Me

Voted that the Rev Charles Burnham
be the Clerk of this Church
John Samborn

1857*
Feb. 28th
Mr. John Henry Samborn, and Mrs.
Sarah Perkins presented themselves
as candidates for admission to the
* See page 139.

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church, and after a satisfactory examination of them, as to their christian experience, it was unanimously voted to receive them on profession. The meeting of the church was holden at the house of the Dea. Richard Furber.

Chas. Burnham, Clerk
At a regular church meeting holden at the house of Deacon Richard Furber, on Saturday May 2^d, 1857, voted to receive the following persons to the church, they having presented letters, viz. Mr. Jonathan Brown,
and his wife Mrs. Lydia Brown.

Miss Lydia Ann Brown
Mrs. Martha A. Morris
and Mrs. Mary Burnham.

Voted to take up a collection at each communion season, to defray the expenses of the table.

Chas. Burnham, Clerk

July 3^d 1857. Miss Julia Tilton having requested to be received into the church, and having given satisfactory evidence of a change of heart, it was voted to receive her on the sabbath,

Chas. Burnham, Clerk

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Oct. 30th 1857.

At a regular Church meeting Mr. Geo. W. Tang and Mrs. Abigail Tang presented letters of dismission and recommendation to this church, and were received.

Jan. 7th 1858.

Chas. Burnham

At a regular church meeting the following persons viz Geo. H. Harris, Henry Prescott, Eliza A. Ladd, Mary Jane Harris and Jane B. Tang presented themselves as candidates for admission to the church and having been examined as to their christian experience, it was voted that they be received to the church on profession of faith at the communion on the 17th inst.

Chas. Burnham

Feb. 21st 1858.

By vote of the church Mr. Albert A. Moulton and Mrs. Ann Maria Moulton were dismissed and recommended to the Long Ch. in Concord.

Chas. Burnham

March 6th 1884.

At a regular church meeting in the meeting house Mrs. Elizabeth Barton and Mrs. Mary Pollins presented themselves as candidates for church membership and after a statement of their views, it was voted to receive them upon the Sabbath. Also Mrs. Ann Maria Blake presented a letter of dismission from the 2^d Congregational Church of Mt. Pelier, and recommendation to this church, and was received.

Chas. Burnham

Clerk

Sabbath July 4th 1884.

Church voted to give a letter of dismission and recommendation to Mrs. Caroline A. Farnham (Miss Emery) to the Cong. Ch. of Henrieville.

Chas. Burnham, Clerk

Aug. 22^d 1888.

This day received to the church on profession of their faith, and by vote of the church Mr. Benj. L. Leare, Miss Sarah Frances Leare and Miss Maria Jane Leare.

Chas. Burnham, Clerk

Amphrey Anson Cogswell presented himself before the church as a candidate for admission, and after a satisfactory examination of him, it was voted to receive him at the communion in January.

Meredith Village Aug. 6th
1858.

Chas. Burdham, Clerk

By vote of the church Aug. 14th 1859. Mrs Sarah Frances (Pear) Lawrence was dismissed to the Cong. Church at Epping N.H.

Charles Burdham,
Clerk

By vote of the Church Dec. 18. 1859 Amphrey Anson Cogswell was dismissed and recommended to the Cong. Church at Jamaica.

Charles Burdham
By vote of the Church July 6th 1861. Wm. H. Mason was accepted as a candidate to be received at the next communion.

Chas. Burdham
Clerk

July 6th 1862.

By vote of the church brother
Levi Leach was appointed delegate
to attend the Council at Plymouth,
on the 10th. inst.

Chas. Burnham,
Clerk.

Sept 14. 1862.

By vote of the church after
examination, had, Mr. Samuel B. Hayes
and Mr. Moses Chapman were received
as candidates for the church, to be
received this afternoon, in consid-
eration of the fact that they were
just about to leave home to join
the army, and would not probably be
with us again before leaving for
the seat of war.

Chas. Burnham
Clerk

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April 3^d 1864.

At our communion season
Letters of dismission and recommenda-
tion were read. One from the High St. Ch.
Portland Me. recommending to our watch
and care Mr. Daniel Norris. One from
Plymouth N. H. recommending Mrs. Sarah
Norris. The church voted to receive them.

1865. *

Chas. Burnham, Clerk.

Nov. 11, 1866.

At a regular church meeting
Mrs. Emily Haddleigh, and Miss Sarah M.
presented their experience as Christians
and it was voted to receive them to the
church at our next communion
and they were so received.

Chas. Burnham, Clerk.

Jan. 6, 1867.

At our regular communion
Letters of dismission and recommendation
were read from the Camp Church in Pitts-
field recommending to our watch and
care Mrs. Mary Jane Jacobs. The church
voted to receive her.

* See page 149.

Jan. 24th 1847.

At our regular church meeting
the case of brother Geo. H. Morris came
up and the hearing of the case was deferred
to Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Jan. 24th at the house of Levi Smith.
Elias Brewster, Clerk.

Jan. 24. 1847.

The church convene according
to appointment to hear and determine
the case of brother Geo. H. Morris, charged
with stealing, and after listening to what
he had to say, and hearing from the com-
mittee, it was moved, seconded and
passed that he be suspended from the
communion of the church for six
months.

Elias Brewster,
Clerk.

Meredith
March 30 1867.

At the regular communion
of our church letters of dismission and
recommendation of Mrs. Julia A. Lang,
and Mrs. Julia A. Pike from the Cong.
Church in Sanbornston, to the Cong.
Church in Meredith Village were read and
they were received as members of this church.

Chas. Burnham, Clerk

May 4th 1867.

At a regular Church meeting holden May 15th
Jas. Richard Foster was appointed to notify
brothers, I. B. Boyer and P. H. Prescott of a meet-
ing of the Church to be holden on Saturday May 18th
at 3 o'clock P. M. and request them to be pres-
ent. Rev. Chas. Burnham was appointed to ad-
dress a letter to brother I. B. Cram, and notify
him of said meeting and ask him to be present,
to hold a special meeting of the church
on the 18th of May at 3 o'clock P. M. for the trans-
action of business.

Chas. Burnham, Clerk

Pursuant to letters missive from the
 Congregational Church in Meredith Village
 an Ecclesiastical Council convened at
 the house of ~~Rev.~~ Mr. Samuel Beane in
 said place on Thursday Jan. 8th 1859 for the
 purpose of examining, and if thought
 expedient installing Rev. Charles Burn-
 ham as Pastor of said Church.

The following Churches were represented
 in the Council.

The Pearl St. Church, Nashua,
 Rev. E. E. Adams, Pastor and Dea. R. W.
 Lane, Delegate. Church at Centre Harbor,
 Rev. Almon Benson, Pastor. The Church
 at Sanbornton, Rev. James Boutwell
 Pastor. Church at Laconia, Brother Thomas
 M. Sanborn, Delegate. Church at Plymouth,
 Brother Richard Bartlett, Delegate. ~~Brother~~
 Rev. Horea Limby, Minister of the Free
 Will Baptist Church was invited to sit
 as a corresponding member.

Rev. E. E. Adams was chosen Moderator, who led in prayer. Rev. James Boutwell was chosen scribe. The papers relating to the invitation of the Church and Society to Rev. Mr. Burnham to settle with them in the work of the ministry, and his acceptance of the same were laid before the Council. Also papers relating to his Ecclesiastical connection and church membership were read, and it was voted that the papers be considered satisfactory and we proceed to the examination. The candidate related his religious experience, and was examined as to his Theological views. It was voted that the examination be considered as sustained, and we proceed to assign the parts.

The parts were assigned as follows, and the Council voted to adjourn sine die, after the exercises were performed.

Introductory services by
 Rev. Horea Limby. Sermon by Rev.
 E. E. Adams. Installing Prayer by Rev.
 Almon Benson. Charge to the Pastor, by
 Rev. E. E. Adams. Right hand of fellowship
 by Rev. James Boutwell.

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Address to the people and concluding
prayer by Rev. James Boutwell.

Benediction by the Pastor.

The services were performed according to
the above appointments.

Copy of minutes

E. E. Adams, Moderator

James Boutwell, Scribe

Meredith. Jan. 8th 1859.

at a regular church meeting, held at
 at the meeting-house, Sept. 14th, 1867.
 On motion of Daniel Morris, it
 was voted that Miss E. P. Lamson
 be excommunicated from the church,
 and that she be notified of the fact,
 and that she be informed, that when-
 ever she is disposed to make suita-
 ble confession to the church, she
 will be restored. Also on motion
 of H. W. Lang, voted that Geo. H.
 Morris be excommunicated, and
 that he be informed of the same,
 and that he will be restored on
 suitable confession, or if when
 he shall produce satisfactory evi-
 dence that he is innocent.

Charles Burnham,
 Clerk

Meredith Sept. 14. 1867.

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At a church meeting on Dec. 29th. 1868. By vote of the Church a letter of dismission and recommendation was given to Mrs. Mary Jane Tuttle of New Market to the Cong. Church in that place.

Charles Burnham, Clerk.

At a regular Church meeting holden on the 22 of Oct Mr. Samuel Adams and his wife Mrs. Hannah Adams and John Col Tumble presented themselves as candidates for admission to the Church, and after examination had, voted that they be received at our next communion.

Chas. Burnham, scribe

At a regular church meeting holden Jan. 1st 1870. Mrs. Moses Chapman related her experience, and voted that she be received to the church tomorrow Jan. 2d.

Chas. Burnham,
scribe.

At the Preparatory Lecture July 20. 1870, Geo. H. Morris came before the church, and confessed his wrong doing, and asked the forgiveness of the Church. On motion of Jos. W. Lang, it ~~was~~ was voted unanimously, that Mrs. Morris be restored to the church.

Chas. Burnham, Clerk

Meredith July, 20. 1870

At a regular Church meeting Aug. 14. 1870. Letters of dismission were granted to Mrs. Betsey Pease, Benjamin L. Pease, and Miss Emma L. Pease, and they were recommended to the Union Park Church Chicago Ill.

Chas. Burnham, Clerk

At the preparatory Lecture Jan. 1869.

Dr. John Sanborn, and Dea. Richard Furber, resigned their offices as Deacons in this church; by vote the church adopted the following minute.

Resolved That we highly appreciate the services of our deacons, Dr. John Sanborn, and Richard Furber, the faithfulness and efficiency with which they have served the church; and it is a source of unfeigned sorrow and regret, that through the infirmities of disease and advancing age, they feel constrained to resign the offices they have so long and faithfully filled. We tender to them our heart-felt sympathy, and pray that if it be the will of the great Head of the Church, that their lives may be prolonged for many years to pray for the prosperity of the Church and the progress of the Redeemers kingdom. Brother Daniel Norris was chosen deacon.

Charles Brewster,
Clerk.

and told - Levi Leach be the same.

Told - That as our minister, ^{Rev. John W. Adams} a few months
since asked a dismissal from this Church and
Society, to take effect the first of May, August
last that the Church is in the full power
of the people and wishes to carry a motion and
offer no objection to dismissal.

Told - Messrs Daniel Morris and Thomas
Smith Esq. have been appointed to the duty
to make arrangements and call a Council

Levi Leach Clerk

April 24, 1871. Rev. Mr. D. W. ...
 having asked a dismission from the Congregational
 Church and Society - The Church and Society
 have acquiesced, and a trial session of
 a Mutual Council was called and met at
 the Congregational Church at 8 o'clock Sunday
 to consider the dissolution of the National
 relation between Rev. Chas. Burnham, of
 the Church and Society - The same
 represented the following Churches:

- Represented - Rev. M. T. ...
- Br. J. B. ... Delegate
- Plymouth - Rev. Cyrus Richardson - Pastor
- Br. Simon ... Delegate
- Accepted - Rev. Quincy ... Pastor
- Br. E. ... Delegate

The Pastor read his letter of resignation to take
 effect the first Sabbath of May 1871.
 The session in accepting the ...
 and ... solutions of Church ...
 and ... by pastor and Br. ... for
 Church ...

The Council after due deliberation, unanimously
 by vote to accept the above dissolution
 ... the result ...

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are able to state with great satisfaction, &
enter confidence in Bro. Barnhart as a
worthy representative of the Church
that we can truly recommend him to the Church
— With him will be carried our hearty sym-
— pathies and our truest feelings of fellowship
and love together with our warmest prayers for
his future prospects in the work of Christ here
— and Providence may assign his labor.

Respectfully
Yours
Quincy Blahely
Cyrus Richardson

Erri Leach Clerk

Resolutions passed by the General Church
in Mendon Mass. Spring 1831

The name of the expected meeting
of those who have been separated
to our beloved country, the State of Sweden
occasioned by his own personal application
and the fact that he will be attending
assembly.

Resolved 1st That we most humbly
beseech our Father in Heaven
to take this step; that we hereby
express him of our continued confidence and
affection, and that it would still be his
will both of church and society. It is
useful labor should be prolonged among
us. And therefore circumstances should
lead to withdraw his letter of resignation.

Resolved 2^d That after our experience of
the ministerial service with the people for
more than 40 years, we have a cordial
consent here to give other churches which
may hereafter seek his ministrations as a
sympathizing and devoted pastor, warmly
recommending with confidence the work of the
one who serves and exhorting him to
for the honor of Christ, who are the most
of souls most evidently at present and to
trust the great God of the Church will
yet make him to last, and to be a
of promotion that he may be to the world.

Rev. Joseph H. H.
of New York

1801. William H. Mason, Junr requested a dismission
from this church and recommended to be of
church brought up at the church at annual
meeting June 10th 1802. He was dismissed
and recommended as above.

Erri Leach } Clerk

At a vote of the church at a regular meeting
held by their request, Samuel Adams and
his wife Elizabeth Adams were dismissed from
this church and recommended to the church
in Boston Mass.

Erri Leach } Clerk

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At a regular meeting of the church, November
1872, and of the Society is unanimously voted,
by the church unanimously, and the Society con-
curring - that we give a call to the Rev. George
I. Ward of Lambarton N. H. to settle over us
in the Gospel ministry, and to give him as
his salary nine hundred dollars yearly -
Soon after an answer was received from Mr. Ward
accepting the call upon terms as above.

to
A letter came to Littletonville from the Congregational
Church in Meredith Village, New Hampshire
Council was called to meet at the Littletonville
House on Thursday January 2nd 1873, for the
purpose of examining a call if thought proper
to install Rev. George I. Ward as Pastor of said
church.

The following churches were represented in the
Council -

Littletonville Church - Concord, New H. 2nd Cong.
Pastor - Rev. Charles B. Baker & Deacons -
Mr. J. W. & Mrs. J. W. & Mr. J. W. & Mrs. J. W.
Brother John W. & Mrs. J. W. & Mr. J. W. & Mrs. J. W.

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Pastor of the Church in Worcester Rev. William F. Adams
Cyrus W. Richards Pastor of the Church in
Church in Worcester Rev. William F. Adams
Pastor of the Church in Worcester Rev. William F. Adams
Also William Clark, D.D. - and invited but
not present - John H. Spring, D.D. and Rev
William B. Brewster -
William Clark, D.D. was chosen Moderator
of the prayer, and Rev. W. B. Brewster.

Letters from the Church and Society con-
taining the Call, and pledge of temporary
support, and the Board's reply accepting
the same were read; also an attested
copy of the Council held at Lumberton
N.H. Dec 4th 1872. at which the Board
was dismissed & commended to the Church
which had called him.

Council proceeded to the examination
of the Board with regard to his political
and theological views, and personal
religious experience.

Dismissions in 1889.

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~~Feb. 11th Albert A. Moulton and
Mrs. Ann Maria Moulton.~~

July 4th Mrs. Caroline A. Lantieri (Miss Em.)

To be that the examination be considered
satisfactory, and the Council proceed to assign
the parts for installation. Minutes as
follows.

- (1) Invocation and reading of the Scriptures
by Rev. Almon Benson
 - (2) Prayer by Rev. Giles Lusk
 - (3) Hymn by Mrs. L. L. Blake
 - (4) Installing Prayer by Rev. Wm. F. Bacon
 - (5) Charge to the Pastor by Rev. Lusk Blakeley -
 - (6) Right Hand by Miss Cyrus Dickinson
 - (7) Address to the People by William Clark
 - (8) Prayer by Rev. Wm. Benson
 - 9 Installation by the Pastor Rev. Lusk
- Council took recess till six
o'clock P.M. when they met and

and the several parts were performed
according to the foregoing appointments
after which Council was dissolved.

William Clark, S. S. Moderator

Quincy Bishop, Secy

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Attest

Samuel Clark, Clerk

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April 5. 1876

A meeting of the Church was held at
the "Home" over P. G. Blaisdell's Store.

The object of the meeting was to con-
sult upon the propriety of making some
changes in the general management of the
Church organization. A general plan
of the proposed work was presented by
the Pastor - Mr. Bard - the main features
being in reference to the distribution of,
and rotation in offices. Remarks were
made by many of the members present
in the main favorable to the project upon
which a general Election of Officers took
place. — Dea. Norris was retained as
Dea. "Ex Officio" for life. Dea. Leach was
re-elected for one year. — H. L. Sewell
Elected as Dea. for two years. H. A. Sewell
Elected Clerk. — B. W. Dearborn
Elected S. S. Supt. in place of Dea.
Leach — who had previously resigned.
Closed with prayer by Pastor

H. L. Sewell - Clerk

1882 May B. 1877

At the regular September Lecture in
this month Wm. Leach tendered his Resignation
of Membership but action was deferred
until the next regular meeting of the Church
J. H. A. A. A.
} Clerk

April 23. 1877

A meeting of the Church was held at the
Home by request of Mr. Leach, who
presented before the members certain
written statements in reference to a
misunderstanding between himself and
Mr. H. S. Leach in a business transaction
which some years since but which had
never been satisfactorily adjusted.
All decisions & action upon the matter
was postponed until a future meeting
J. H. A. A. A.
} Clerk

* The order of the agenda for this page
shall be reversed.

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Meredith May 31st 1817

Regular meeting of the Church was held at the House. - The object of this meeting was to consider the Resignation of Mr Leach in the office of Dea.

After due deliberation & presentation of Mr. Moses Chapman's Motion it was Voted, That Mr Joseph H. Long be a Committee to confer with Bro Leach & Mr. Root and report at some future meeting.

Adjourned until further by Pastor

} J. F. Russell
} Clerk

Meredith May 30th 1817

At the preparatory Meeting under this date the Committee appointed to confer with Bro Leach & Mr. Root reported the matter in question satisfactorily settled.

A Vote was then passed requesting Mr. Leach to withdraw his resignation.

J. F. Russell
Clerk

Under date of Nov. 1st 1877, a letter of
Commission was granted Mrs. L. L. Leach, and of
 recommendation to the First Baptist Church
 of Chicago, Ill.

{ J. H. F. Frawley
 Clerk

Memorandum, Nov. 30th 1877

A regularly appointed meeting was
 held at the "Home" for the purpose of
 considering matters of difference ex-
 isting between certain members of the
 Church.

After due deliberation and
 discussion, upon Motion, a Vote
 expressing confidence in the Chris-
 tian character of Mr. Leach was
 unanimously passed, and the
 meeting adjourned.

{ F. H. Frawley
 Clerk

Mendota - 26 Jan 1879

At a meeting of the Church brothers
J. Colby Davis and Frank. Bart-
lett were examined for admis-
sion to this ^{Church} & were pronounced
the following Feb. -

G. I. Kane. Pastor.

Jan 28.

At a meeting of the church -
Dea. David Norris & Mrs. Geo. W.
Kane were elected a committee
along with the pastor to ex-
amine candidates for ad-
mission. Bro. Geo. W.

Norris & Martha A. Norris his
wife were admitted to the church
by letter from the South Church
in Concord

G. I. Kane Pastor

July 5. 1879

At Piquarawig Section. New Mass.

E. Heirsthorne. Having been ex-
 amined by the Committee was
 voted a member of the Church.

Bro. Geo. H. Norris presented
 and also the name of Mrs.
 Mary A. Mudgett - some
 years since connected with
 a Methodist class now ex-
 tinct and now desiring to
 connect herself with our
 line she was unanimously
 voted admission to the Church.

July 6. 1879.

Bro: Geo. H. Norris. J. Colby
 Davis & Frank - Bar-
 lett. and sister Mary A.
 Mudgett. Martha A. Norris
 and Mary E. Heirsthorne were
 publicly received into the Church.

brothers. Davis & Bartholomew receiving the gift of baptism in the Church.

Dec. 7. 1879. L. J. Bauer. Pastor.
Admission on Post Session.
Christiana. Chapman. L. J. Bauer
Dec. 28. 1879.

Vote to send Bro. J. W. Leary as
delegate with Pastor to the Con-
vocation of the Church in
North Groton on 2nd Sept.

2nd. Vote the thanks of the
Church to the unknown donor
of funds for the Chapel. The
donor being made by Bro. J. W. Leary.
and on motion of Bro. Norris
Vote the thanks of the Church
to Bro. J. W. Leary for the con-
siderable work in which he served
as Committee for the building
of the Chapel. L. J. Bauer. Pastor.

Nov. 1. 1879. Voted to receive into
our membership Bro: Charles
Orinal. McLoon: George Selden
Libbey and Henry Cummings
Bard and Sisters Sarah Elizabeth
McLoon & Minnie Estelle Mc-
Loon: all of whom the day fol-
lowing were received into our
membership. —

G. T. Bard, Pastor.
1880. 4th January — Received into
Church membership Mrs. —
Birby. Mrs. Mary Doyle
and Miss Larina — Forth. —

G. T. Bard pastor.

December 31 1880. At the close of the prophetic
lecture in the Cong. Chapel on motion of
James H. Henry, voted the moderator ap-
point a committee of three to examine
and report upon the condition of the

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records, and resources existing in the office
of the first Congregational Church, and to
present names as candidates for such resour-
ces — James B. Seary, Geo. H. Norris and
Daniel Norris were appointed said committee.
Daniel Norris Clerk Boston

1881 January 15th The above named committee
met and examined the records of said first
Congregational Church and came to the con-
clusion that a new record book be procured
and that a more particular record be kept
of the proceedings of said church; and
that as soon as practicable the vacant office
of said church be filled.

Daniel Norris Clerk Boston

1881 Jan. 9th A contribution of \$16.00 was
taken for the Ministers and Widows charitable fund.
For Table and Beer 42
Jan 2nd Contribution for our own poor 3.07
Feb 20 Raised for Rev E. St. Whittier 35.00
for his services in holding meetings here

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Contribution at Communion — 2.50

March 6 Contribution at Communion for
support of the table and cup — 2.51
Mrs Lydia Ann Burleigh, Hanson Beede
and Lizzie Gaverly were received into
the church by profession.

1881 April 14th At a meeting of the Cong. Church
members at their Chapel Daniel Harris
was chosen clerk of said church till another
clerk is chosen

April 14th At the ^{semi} meeting of the church at the
Cong. Chapel, Rev Geo. J. Beede in the choir
a writing was presented and read, which
which is as follows — ^{to the members} Whereas certain
reports have come of the first Cong.
Church in Meredith against the Christian
character of brother Hanson Beede.
We therefore members of said church
feel it important that an investigation
of the matter be made and that a com-
-mittee of three members of said church
be appointed for that purpose, and to

1881 report to said church the result at 16)
a church meeting for that purpose,
Voted 1st That Daniel Harris, George H.
Harris and Charles J. Muloon be that
committee.

— 2nd To adjourn this meeting to Tuesday
April 19th at 7 1/2 P. M. at our Chapel.
Daniel Harris Clerk

1881 April 14th Met agreeably to adjournment
and the investigating Committee reported
as follows — Your Committee immediately
notified the parties Mrs Nancy Stearns
and brother Hanson Beebe of the time
Saturday evening April 16th and place of
meeting Mrs Stearns's house and attended
~~and attended~~ at the time appointed.
Bro. Beebe did not appear, and after
waiting a reasonable time we proceeded
to make inquiries concerning the Christian
character of brother Hanson Beebe. For
year or two past he has been a pretty
constant attendant at our religious
meetings (when at home) and has

and has appeared much engaged on the subject of religion, and dated his convictions from hearing a funeral sermon preached in this village and frequently has expressed a feeling that his life was short, and that he had an anxious desire to be prepared to meet his Judge in peace, and often desired the prayers of christians that he might prove faithful untill death, and it ^{has} seemed to us that brother Beede for some time was a changed man and was trusting in the service for the salvation of ~~of~~ his soul, and he presented himself for admission into our church and was received on the sabbath of the sixth of March last. But some ^{week} or ten days after he had united with our Church, a report was circulated against his character as a christian, and the matter being examined it seems that Stephen ~~the~~ brother Beede with coming to

her (and more than once) with very
improper and insulting proposals,
and that he is guilty of gross wicked-
ness at heart. The question was
asked of Mrs Stevens if she believed
brother Beecher's intentions were
adultery, the answer was yes; and
that she was ready to meet brother
Beecher with these charges any time
the foregoing is the result of the ex-
amination by your committee and is
here respectfully submitted. —

Daniel Varner } Committee
Geo. H. Varner } of the Church
Charles D. Malom }

Voted 1st To accept the report of the
Committee

— 2^d That George H. Varner be a com-
mittee to notify brother Hanson
Beecher of the charges laid against
him by Mrs Stevens, and he may

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appear and defend himself at
the next adjourned meeting of
the church.

— 3rd voted to adjourn the meeting
to Monday evening April 25th
at 7 1/2 o'clock at the Chapel.

Daniel Harris Clerk

~~1881 April 25th Monday evening but ac-
cording to adjournment~~

1881
April
25
Brother George W. Harris being Committee
wrote just brother Hanson Beach of the
charges made against him by Wm
Nancy Stevens giving him an
opportunity to attend the meeting
at the chapel on the eve of the
25th of April as above, and defend
himself.

1881 April 25th at 7 1/2 P.M. met at
Chapel according to adjournment +

and proceeded to business. Rev

Mr Bond in the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer and our thanks were made by our Pastor and three others, but brother Hanson had not appeared and has not been present at any meetings concerning this matter and after deliberation and remarks closed, voted unanimously to deprive Mr Hanson Beech of his membership with this church by excommunication, and Mr Beech has been notified of the doing of the meeting and of the vote passed; by the clerk of the church.

2nd voted that Daniel Harris, clerk of the church the coming year

(Daniel Harris Clerk)

1881

May 1st Communion contribution for support of table as — — — 250

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 1881 Feb 4 Mrs Wm Pike — 1.00
 — 5th Paid Mrs Perkins — 1.00
 May 14 Paid S. G. Vancross — 1.81

Collections

1881
 Jan 9th Ministers & Widows Charitable Fund — 16.00
 May Widows Board — 17.50
 July 10 Home Missions — 27.53
 Aug Cent Money — 20.50
 Sept Foreign Missions — 7.00
 88.53
 1881
 July 3rd Communion Contribution 3.03
 Sept 4th do do — 2.13
 Nov 6th do do — 2.43
 Dec 7 Paid Mrs Wm Pike — 3.00

Paid Expenses of Communion
 Table .25 for each Communion
 upto Nov 6th 1881

Nov 6th Mrs Sarah Mackwell united
 with this church by letter
 from Halifax England

1882 Jan 1st

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Mr George W. Wiley and Jennette B.
Wiley his wife united with
this church by letter from Moonshick
R. J. - also George Bard son
of Rev Geo J Bard by profession

March 5th Collection at Communion
for expenses of table and the
pew 243

May 7th Collection for expenses of
Communion & the pew 306

June 25th Contribution for
American Missionary Association 22.00

July 2nd Collection for expense of
the above table & the pew 246
~~The above contributions handed over the pastor G. J. Bard.~~

Sept 3rd Collection for expense of
Communion table and the
pew 225

Paid to D. Morris of the above 75
" to Mrs Wm Pike 1.50

17th 1852 Nov. 5th

Collection for expense of Com.
munion table and the poor 3.00
Paid D. Morris for preparation .75
Rev G. J. Barnd took remainder 2.25

1852 Nov. 19 At meeting of the first Cong.
Church in Murreletts Village and
vicinity was notified from the clerk
on Sabbath to meet in their chapel
on Tuesday the 21st day of Nov inst.
at seven o'clock P.M. —

The members of said church met
agreeably to notice and the meet-
ing was called to order by the clerk
and James M. Seavy chosen chair-
man of the meeting. The purpose
of said meeting was in answer
to a writing sent in by Rev G. J.
Barnd, thought by some to be a
letter of resignation.
Voted that said church choose
a committee of two to confer

with the said Rev. Barst, and
if it seem important to unite with
him in calling ~~a~~ council to
advise with us agreeably to the
request of the said Rev. Mr. Barst
After some remarks by different
persons voted Daniel Storrs and
Charles D. Maloon for said committee
3^d voted to dissolve the meeting
Daniel Storrs Clerk

1842 Nov. 24th The above committee
visited Rev. G. J. Barst and heard
from him that the paper he
had sent in for the church con-
sideration was meant for an ear-
nest letter of resignation, and com-
mittee did write with Rev. G. J. Barst
in calling a council of ministers
and delegates from the following
Cong. churches viz. Campton, Plymouth
Sanborton, Laconia and Centre Harbor
Daniel Storrs Clerk

1882 Dec. 28 The aforesaid council met at North church chapel from the aforesaid five churches and proceeded to business as follows.

Pursuant to letters missive from the Wiscasset Village Cong. Church an ecclesiastical council was convened in the chapel of the church this day at 2 o'clock P.M.

The council was composed as follows.

Plymouth Cong. Ch.	Rev H. P. Beck Pastor
	Dea James Clark Del.
Laconia Cong. Ch.	Rev C. H. G. Thurston Pastor
	Dea Wm Merrill Del.
Cent. Harbor Cong. Ch.	Rev C. B. Moody Pastor
	Dea J. E. Gordon Del.
Barnaborton Cong. Ch.	Rev Moses T. Kinnels Pastor
	Mr Harrison White Del.
Campton Cong. Ch.	Rev Quincy Blakeby Pastor
	Mr Walter M. Dow Del.

The council organized by the choice
 of Rev. Quincy Blake by moderator
 and Rev Charles A. G. Thurston scribe
 Prayer was offered by the moderator
 after which the pastor's letter of
 resignation was read by the scribe
 The records of the church not being
 at hand the clerk presented
 a statement respecting the action
 of the church which was eventu-
 ally accepted by the council;
 a similar statement was made
 respecting the action of the society
 and that was likewise accepted
 by the council.

Voted that the council be by-
 itself. —

Voted that we as a council —
 recommend to this church
 the dismission of the pastor.

A committee consisting of Rev. Mr. T. Remond's Rev C. B. Moody and Dea. Wm Morrill were appointed to draft resolutions to express the results of the council. The committee presented the following which were accepted and adopted by the council.

In coming to this result the council are able to declare with great satisfaction that they have found nothing in their investigation of the causes which have led to this dismission to impair their confidence in the integrity of the Christian and ministerial character of the retiring pastor, whom accordingly they hereby commend to the confidence of the churches as in their judgment an honest faithful

and careful minister of the Lord
Jesus Christ who carries with him
their tender sympathies and
earnest prayers for his future
prosperity in the work of the Lord,
wherever Providence may assign
his labors.

2nd We also express our sympathy
with this church in losing their
beloved pastor, and we solemnly
pray that the Great Head of the
church will speedily send them
another Shepherd to be their
guide in holy things.

The records were then read
and approved by the council.

The closing prayer was
offered by the Rev. H. P. S. -
after which the council adjourned.
Signed, Alice Quincy Blake, Moderator
Charles H. G. Thornton, Secy.

A true copy

Attest Charles R. G. Thurston

By request of members of the ^{first Cong.} Church
in Abundant Village and vicinity there-
- by notify all the members of said church
to meet at their chapel on Saturday
the 16th day of December inst. at seven o'clock
of the clock P. M. for the purpose of organizing
and choosing officers for said church
messed 16th December 11th 1882

Daniel Morris Clerk

1882 Dec 16th members of the above named
church met according to notice and voted
George H. Morris chairman, voted 2nd a com-
mittee of three J. Colby Davis, James M. Seary
and Mrs. Freeman Beby to nominate church
officers for this church, the following are the
nominated For Deacons Bro. George Wiley
and Bro. Charles S. Maloon, For Treasurer
Daniel Morris, For executive Committee
James M. Seary, John Smith and J.
Colby Davis For Committee to examine
candidates for admission to church to
meet next Sun. D. Morris and Bro. George W.

Voted 3rd that the preceeding nominated
 officers be the officers of this church
 Voted 4th Bro Charles D. Maloon and James
 M. Leavy, Committee to draft resolutions
 to send to the Rev. Geo. J. Barnd
 5th Voted to accept the doings of the
 ecclesiastical council on the 28th of
 November last, in the advice of the
 dismissal of the Rev G. J. Barnd from
 the pastorate of this church
 6th Voted to adjourn this meeting to
 tomorrow eve the 17th Dec and after the
 close of the prayer meeting to receive
 the report of the committee on the
 resolutions above named.

Dec 17th After the prayer meeting
 members of the church remained
 and the report of said committee was
 read and accepted and adopted,
 and recorded in the church records
 and a copy thereof forwarded to
 the Rev G. J. Barnd. The resolutions
 are as follows, 1st While the results
 of the council called to act upon
 the resignation of the Rev G. J. Barnd
 was such as to take him from us

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yet this church feels that the
council had in view the highest
welfare of both church and
pastor, that they were actuated
by a firm faith in the guidance
of an all-wise Providence and the
church fully endorses the resolutions
of the council expressive of their
confidence in the christian and
ministerial character of the
retiring pastor.

2nd That we will ^{remember} him and his in our
prayers, at the Throne of Grace
and commend them to the loving
care of him who cares for his own
as no one else does, and cheerfully
and earnestly recommend him to
the people to whom he has been
called as a faithful and earnest
christian minister.

The meeting was adjourned sine die

Daniel Harris Clerk

1882 Dec 2nd Rev G. J. Bard paid to D. Harris ²⁴¹ money
contributed by our church and D. Harris paid 70 p-
second book and the remainder 171 to Mrs Forest.
Parkins from woman D. Harris Clerk

1883 D. Warren found in his hands 70 contributed
by Ezra Chugale which he paid over to Mrs
William Pike

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